

NAME

pr – convert text files for printing

SYNOPSIS

pr [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

Paginate or columnate *FILE*(s) for printing.

With no *FILE*, or when *FILE* is –, read standard input.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

+FIRST_PAGE[:LAST_PAGE], **--pages=FIRST_PAGE[:LAST_PAGE]**
begin [stop] printing with page FIRST_[LAST_]PAGE

-COLUMN, **--columns=COLUMN**

output *COLUMN* columns and print columns down, unless **-a** is used. Balance number of lines in the columns on each page

-a, **--across**

print columns across rather than down, used together with **-COLUMN**

-c, **--show-control-chars**

use hat notation (^G) and octal backslash notation

-d, **--double-space**

double space the output

-D, **--date-format=FORMAT**

use *FORMAT* for the header date

-e[CHAR[WIDTH]], **--expand-tabs[=CHAR[WIDTH]]**

expand input CHARs (TABs) to tab *WIDTH* (8)

-F, **-f**, **--form-feed**

use form feeds instead of newlines to separate pages (by a 3–line page header with **-F** or a 5–line header and trailer without **-F**)

-h, **--header=HEADER**

use a centered *HEADER* instead of filename in page header, **-h ""** prints a blank line, don't use **-h ""**

-i[CHAR[WIDTH]], **--output-tabs[=CHAR[WIDTH]]**

replace spaces with CHARs (TABs) to tab *WIDTH* (8)

-J, **--join-lines**

merge full lines, turns off **-W** line truncation, no column alignment, **--sep-string[=STRING]** sets separators

-l, **--length=PAGE_LENGTH**

set the page length to *PAGE_LENGTH* (66) lines (default number of lines of text 56, and with **-F** 63). implies **-t** if *PAGE_LENGTH* <= 10

-m, **--merge**

print all files in parallel, one in each column, truncate lines, but join lines of full length with **-J**

-n[SEP[DIGITS]], **--number-lines[=SEP[DIGITS]]**

number lines, use *DIGITS* (5) digits, then *SEP* (TAB), default counting starts with 1st line of input file

-N, **--first-line-number=NUMBER**

start counting with *NUMBER* at 1st line of first page printed (see **+FIRST_PAGE**)

- o, --indent=*MARGIN***
offset each line with *MARGIN* (zero) spaces, do not affect **-w** or **-W**, *MARGIN* will be added to *PAGE_WIDTH*
- r, --no-file-warnings**
omit warning when a file cannot be opened
- s[*CHAR*], --separator[=*CHAR*]**
separate columns by a single character, default for *CHAR* is the <TAB> character without **-w** and 'no char' with **-w**. **-s[*CHAR*]** turns off line truncation of all 3 column options (**-COLUMN|-a -COLUMN|-m**) except **-w** is set
- S[*STRING*], --sep-string[=*STRING*]**
separate columns by *STRING*, without **-S**: Default separator <TAB> with **-J** and <space> otherwise (same as **-S** " "), no effect on column options
- t, --omit-header**
omit page headers and trailers; implied if *PAGE_LENGTH* <= 10
- T, --omit-pagination**
omit page headers and trailers, eliminate any pagination by form feeds set in input files
- v, --show-nonprinting**
use octal backslash notation
- w, --width=*PAGE_WIDTH***
set page width to *PAGE_WIDTH* (72) characters for multiple text-column output only, **-s[char]** turns off (72)
- W, --page-width=*PAGE_WIDTH***
set page width to *PAGE_WIDTH* (72) characters always, truncate lines, except **-J** option is set, no interference with **-S** or **-s**
- help** display this help and exit
- version**
output version information and exit

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