

**NAME**

**TOilet** - display large colourful characters

**SYNOPSIS**

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toilet [ -hkostvSW ] [ -d fontdirectory ]
          [ -f fontfile ] [ -F filter ] [ -w outputwidth ]
          [ -I infocode ] [ -E format ] [ message ]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

**TOilet** prints text using large characters made of smaller characters. It is similar in many ways to **FIGlet** with additional features such as Unicode handling, colour fonts, filters and various export formats.

**USAGE**

**TOilet** either reads its input from the command line or from the standard input.

**OPTIONS****-f, --font <name>**

Use the given font instead of the default value. Fonts are **.ff** or **.tlf** files stored in the **/usr/share/figlet** directory. Fonts are looked first in the font directory, then in the current directory. There is also a special built-in font called *term* that serves as a fallback if no font is available.

**-d, --directory <dir>**

Specify the directory in which to look for fonts. The default value is set at build time and usually defaults to **/usr/share/figlet**.

**-s, -S, -k, -W, -o**

Select character composition rules. **-S** sets smushing (nicely merging glyphs), **-k** sets kerning (rendering subcharacters as close to each other as possible), **-W** renders characters at their full width and **-o** sets overlapping (glyphs slightly overlap the previous one). **-s** (default behaviour) uses the font's smushing information if any, otherwise forces overlapping, or does nothing if the glyph only has one subcharacter.

**-w, --width <width>**

Set the output width. By default, **TOilet** will wrap its output at 80 character columns.

**-t, --termwidth**

Set the output width to the terminal width.

**-F, --filter <filters>****-F, --filter list****--gay, --metal**

Specify a list of filters to be applied to the output. *<filters>* is a colon-separated list of filters such as *crop:rotate:gay* and the special argument *list* outputs a list of available filters.

**--gay** and **--metal** are shortcuts to commonly used filters that are guaranteed to exist. Several **-F** flags can also be specified on the command line, in which case filters will be applied in order of appearance.

**-E, --export <format>****-E, --export list****--irc, --html**

Specify the output format. By default, **TOilet** will output UTF-8 text using ANSI colour codes suitable for most terminals such as XTerm or rxvt. *<format>* is the name of the export format as recognised by libcaca. The special argument *list* outputs a list of available export formats.

**--irc** and **--html** are shortcuts to commonly used export formats that are guaranteed to exist.

**-h, --help**

Display a short help message and exit.

**-I, --infocode <code>**

Print a **FIGlet** infocode. This flag is only here for **FIGlet** compatibility, see the **figlet** manpage for more information about it.

**-v, --version**

Output version information and exit.

**EXAMPLES**

```
toilet Hello World
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toilet Hello | toilet
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```
tail -f /var/log/messages | toilet -f term --gay
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**BUGS**

**FIGlet** compatibility is not complete yet.

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**SEE ALSO**

[figlet\(6\)](#)