

**NAME**

basename - strip directory and suffix from filenames

**SYNOPSIS**

**basename** *NAME* [*SUFFIX*]

**basename** *OPTION...* *NAME...*

**DESCRIPTION**

Print *NAME* with any leading directory components removed. If specified, also remove a trailing *SUFFIX*.

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

**-a, --multiple**

support multiple arguments and treat each as a *NAME*

**-s, --suffix=*SUFFIX***

remove a trailing *SUFFIX*; implies **-a**

**-z, --zero**

end each output line with NUL, not newline

**--help** display this help and exit**--version**

output version information and exit

**EXAMPLES**

```
basename /usr/bin/sort
```

```
-> "sort"
```

```
basename include/stdio.h .h
```

```
-> "stdio"
```

```
basename -s .h include/stdio.h
```

```
-> "stdio"
```

```
basename -a any/str1 any/str2
```

```
-> "str1" followed by "str2"
```

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**REPORTING BUGS**

GNU coreutils online help: <<http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>>

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**SEE ALSO**

[dirname\(1\)](#), [readlink\(1\)](#)

Full documentation at: <<http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/basename>>

or available locally via: info '(coreutils) basename invocation'