

**NAME**

csplit - split a file into sections determined by context lines

**SYNOPSIS**

**csplit** [*OPTION*]... *FILE PATTERN*...

**DESCRIPTION**

Output pieces of FILE separated by PATTERN(s) to files 'xx00', 'xx01', ..., and output byte counts of each piece to standard output.

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

- b, --suffix-format=FORMAT**  
use sprintf FORMAT instead of %02d
- f, --prefix=PREFIX**  
use PREFIX instead of 'xx'
- k, --keep-files**  
do not remove output files on errors
- m, --suppress-matched**  
suppress the lines matching PATTERN
- n, --digits=DIGITS**  
use specified number of digits instead of 2
- s, --quiet, --silent**  
do not print counts of output file sizes
- z, --elide-empty-files**  
remove empty output files
- help** display this help and exit
- version**  
output version information and exit

Read standard input if FILE is -. Each PATTERN may be:

**INTEGER**

copy up to but not including specified line number

**/REGEXP/[OFFSET]**

copy up to but not including a matching line

**%REGEXP%[OFFSET]**

skip to, but not including a matching line

**{INTEGER}**

repeat the previous pattern specified number of times

**{\*}**

repeat the previous pattern as many times as possible

A line OFFSET is a required '+' or '-' followed by a positive integer.

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**REPORTING BUGS**

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

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**SEE ALSO**

Full documentation at: <http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/csplit>  
or available locally via: info '(coreutils) csplit invocation'