

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

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SEE ALSO

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