

NAME

dirname - strip last component from file name

SYNOPSIS

dirname [*OPTION*] *NAME*...

DESCRIPTION

Output each *NAME* with its last non-slash component and trailing slashes removed; if *NAME* contains no /'s, output '.' (meaning the current directory).

-z, --zero

end each output line with NUL, not newline

--help display this help and exit

--version

output version information and exit

EXAMPLES

```
dirname /usr/bin/  
-> /usr
```

```
dirname dir1/str dir2/str  
-> dir1 followed by dir2
```

```
dirname stdio.h  
-> .
```

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REPORTING BUGS

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

Report dirname translation bugs to <<http://translationproject.org/team/>>

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SEE ALSO

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

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