

NAME

expand - convert tabs to spaces

SYNOPSIS

expand [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

Convert tabs in each *FILE* to spaces, writing to standard output. With no *FILE*, or when *FILE* is -, read standard input.

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

-i, --initial

do not convert tabs after non blanks

-t, --tabs=NUMBER

have tabs *NUMBER* characters apart, not 8

-t, --tabs=LIST

use comma separated list of explicit tab positions

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

output version information and exit

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REPORTING BUGS

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

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

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SEE ALSO

[unexpand\(1\)](#)

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