

NAME

lessecho - expand metacharacters

SYNOPSIS

lessecho [-ox] [-cx] [-pn] [-dn] [-mx] [-nn] [-ex] [-a] file ...

DESCRIPTION

lessecho is a program that simply echos its arguments on standard output. But any metacharacter in the output is preceded by an escape character, which by default is a backslash.

OPTIONS

A summary of options is included below.

- ex** Specifies x, rather than backslash, to be the escape char for metachars. If x is -, no escape char is used and arguments containing metachars are surrounded by quotes instead.
- ox** Specifies x, rather than double-quote, to be the open quote character, which is used if the -e- option is specified.
- cx** Specifies x to be the close quote character.
- pn** Specifies n to be the open quote character, as an integer.
- dn** Specifies n to be the close quote character, as an integer.
- mx** Specifies x to be a metachar. By default, no characters are considered metachars.
- nn** Specifies n to be a metachar, as an integer.
- fn** Specifies n to be the escape char for metachars, as an integer.
- a** Specifies that all arguments are to be quoted. The default is that only arguments containing metacharacters are quoted

SEE ALSO

[less\(1\)](#)

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