

NAME

`pr` - convert text files for printing

SYNOPSIS

`pr` [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

Paginate or columnate *FILE*(s) for printing.

With no *FILE*, or when *FILE* is `-`, read standard input.

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

`+FIRST_PAGE[:LAST_PAGE]`, `--pages=FIRST_PAGE[:LAST_PAGE]`
begin [stop] printing with page FIRST_[LAST_]PAGE

`-COLUMN`, `--columns=COLUMN`

output *COLUMN* columns and print columns down, unless `-a` is used. Balance number of lines in the columns on each page

`-a`, `--across`

print columns across rather than down, used together with `-COLUMN`

`-c`, `--show-control-chars`

use hat notation (`^G`) and octal backslash notation

`-d`, `--double-space`

double space the output

`-D`, `--date-format=FORMAT`

use *FORMAT* for the header date

`-e[CHAR[WIDTH]]`, `--expand-tabs[=CHAR[WIDTH]]`

expand input CHARs (TABs) to tab *WIDTH* (8)

`-F`, `-f`, `--form-feed`

use form feeds instead of newlines to separate pages (by a 3-line page header with `-F` or a 5-line header and trailer without `-F`)

`-h`, `--header=HEADER`

use a centered *HEADER* instead of filename in page header, `-h ""` prints a blank line, don't use `-h ""`

`-i[CHAR[WIDTH]]`, `--output-tabs[=CHAR[WIDTH]]`

replace spaces with CHARs (TABs) to tab *WIDTH* (8)

`-J`, `--join-lines`

merge full lines, turns off `-W` line truncation, no column alignment, `--sep-string[=STRING]` sets separators

`-l`, `--length=PAGE_LENGTH`

set the page length to *PAGE_LENGTH* (66) lines (default number of lines of text 56, and with `-F` 63). implies `-t` if *PAGE_LENGTH* <= 10

`-m`, `--merge`

print all files in parallel, one in each column, truncate lines, but join lines of full length with `-J`

`-n[SEP[DIGITS]]`, `--number-lines[=SEP[DIGITS]]`

number lines, use *DIGITS* (5) digits, then *SEP* (TAB), default counting starts with 1st line of input file

`-N`, `--first-line-number=NUMBER`

start counting with *NUMBER* at 1st line of first page printed (see `+FIRST_PAGE`)

- o, --indent=*MARGIN***
offset each line with *MARGIN* (zero) spaces, do not affect **-w** or **-W**, *MARGIN* will be added to *PAGE_WIDTH*
- r, --no-file-warnings**
omit warning when a file cannot be opened
- s[*CHAR*], --separator[=*CHAR*]**
separate columns by a single character, default for *CHAR* is the <TAB> character without **-w** and 'no char' with **-w**. **-s[*CHAR*]** turns off line truncation of all 3 column options (**-COLUMN|-a-COLUMN|-m**) except **-w** is set
- S[*STRING*], --sep-string[=*STRING*]**
separate columns by *STRING*, without **-S**: Default separator <TAB> with **-J** and <space> otherwise (same as **-S** "), no effect on column options
- t, --omit-header**
omit page headers and trailers; implied if *PAGE_LENGTH* <= 10
- T, --omit-pagination**
omit page headers and trailers, eliminate any pagination by form feeds set in input files
- v, --show-nonprinting**
use octal backslash notation
- w, --width=*PAGE_WIDTH***
set page width to *PAGE_WIDTH* (72) characters for multiple text-column output only, **-s[*char*]** turns off (72)
- W, --page-width=*PAGE_WIDTH***
set page width to *PAGE_WIDTH* (72) characters always, truncate lines, except **-J** option is set, no interference with **-S** or **-s**
- help** display this help and exit
- version**
output version information and exit

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