

NAME

unexpand - convert spaces to tabs

SYNOPSIS

unexpand [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

Convert blanks in each FILE to tabs, 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.

-a, --all convert all blanks, instead of just initial blanks

--first-only

convert only leading sequences of blanks (overrides **-a**)

-t, --tabs=N

have tabs N characters apart instead of 8 (enables **-a**)

-t, --tabs=LIST

use comma separated LIST of tab positions (enables **-a**)

--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 unexpand translation bugs to <<http://translationproject.org/team/>>

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SEE ALSO

[expand\(1\)](#)

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