

# cut

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**cut** is used for manipulating column-based files and is designed to extract specific columns. The default column separator is the **tab** character. A different delimiter can be given as a command option.

For example, to display the third column delimited by a blank space, at the command prompt type **ls -l | cut -d" " -f3** and press the **Enter** key.



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File Edit View Search Terminal Help
c7:/tmp>cat tabfile
Dobie   Gillis
Maynard Krebs
Zelda   Gilroy
Thalia  Menninger
Milton  Armitage
c7:/tmp>
c7:/tmp>cut -f2 tabfile
Gillis
Krebs
Gilroy
Menninger
Armitage
c7:/tmp>
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