

NAME

lsb_release – print distribution-specific information

SYNOPSIS

lsb_release [*options*]

DESCRIPTION

The **lsb_release** command provides certain LSB (Linux Standard Base) and distribution-specific information.

If no options are given, the **-v** option is assumed.

OPTIONS

The program follows the usual GNU command line syntax, with long options starting with two dashes ('--'). A summary of options are included below.

-v, --version

Show the version of the LSB against which your current installation is compliant. The version is expressed as a colon separated list of LSB module descriptions.

-i, --id

Display the distributor's ID.

-d, --description

Display a description of the currently installed distribution.

-r, --release

Display the release number of the currently installed distribution.

-c, --codename

Display the code name of the currently installed distribution.

-a, --all

Display all of the above information.

-s, --short

Use the short output format for any information displayed. This format omits the leading header(s).

-h, --help

Show summary of options.

NOTES

This is a reimplementaion of the **lsb_release** command provided by the Free Standards Group. Any bugs are solely the responsibility of the author below.

Detection of systems using a mix of packages from various distributions or releases is something of a black art; the current heuristic tends to assume that the installation is of the earliest distribution which is still being used by **apt** but that heuristic is subject to error.

SEE ALSO

lsb(8)

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