

**NAME**

info – read Info documents

**SYNOPSIS**

**info** [*OPTION*]... [*MENU-ITEM*...]

**DESCRIPTION**

Read documentation in Info format.

**Frequently-used options:**

- a, --all**  
use all matching manuals
- k, --apropos=STRING**  
look up STRING in all indices of all manuals
- d, --directory=DIR**  
add DIR to INFOPATH
- f, --file=MANUAL**  
specify Info manual to visit
- h, --help**  
display this help and exit
- index-search=STRING**  
go to node pointed by index entry STRING
- n, --node=NODENAME**  
specify nodes in first visited Info file
- o, --output=FILE**  
output selected nodes to FILE
- O, --show-options, --usage**  
go to command-line options node
- subnodes**  
recursively output menu items
- v, --variable VAR=VALUE**  
assign VALUE to Info variable VAR
- version**  
display version information and exit
- w, --where, --location**  
print physical location of Info file

The first non-option argument, if present, is the menu entry to start from; it is searched for in all 'dir' files along INFOPATH. If it is not present, info merges all 'dir' files and shows the result. Any remaining arguments are treated as the names of menu items relative to the initial node visited.

For a summary of key bindings, type H within Info.

**EXAMPLES**

- info      show top-level dir menu
- info info-std  
          show the manual for this Info program
- info emacs  
          start at emacs node from top-level dir
- info emacs buffers  
          select buffers menu entry in emacs manual

`info emacs -n Files`  
start at Files node within emacs manual

`info '(emacs)Files'`  
alternative way to start at Files node

`info --show-options emacs`  
start at node with emacs' command line options

`info --subnodes -o out.txt emacs`  
dump entire emacs manual to out.txt

`info -f ./foo.info`  
show file ./foo.info, not searching dir

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## SEE ALSO

The full documentation for **info** is provided by the **texinfo-doc-nonfree** package as a Texinfo manual. If this package is installed at your site, the command

**info info**

should give you access to the complete manual. (Or, if you have Emacs, M-x info will lead to the manual.)