

**NAME**

**colrm** — remove columns from a file

**SYNOPSIS**

**colrm** [*start* [*stop*]]

**DESCRIPTION**

The **colrm** utility removes selected columns from the lines of a file. A column is defined as a single character in a line. Input is read from the standard input. Output is written to the standard output.

If only the *start* column is specified, columns numbered less than the *start* column will be written. If both *start* and *stop* columns are specified, columns numbered less than the *start* column or greater than the *stop* column will be written. Column numbering starts with one, not zero.

Tab characters increment the column count to the next multiple of eight. Backspace characters decrement the column count by one.

**ENVIRONMENT**

The LANG, LC\_ALL and LC\_CTYPE environment variables affect the execution of **colrm** as described in [environ\(7\)](#).

**EXIT STATUS**

The **colrm** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

**SEE ALSO**

[awk\(1\)](#), [column\(1\)](#), [cut\(1\)](#), [paste\(1\)](#)

**HISTORY**

The **colrm** utility first appeared in 1 BSD.

**AUTHORS**

Jeff Schriebman wrote the original version of **colrm** in November 1974.