

NAME

inline-detox — clean up filenames (stream-based)

SYNOPSIS

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inline-detox [-f configfile] [-s sequence] [-v]
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inline-detox [-L] [-f configfile] [-v]
inline-detox [-h | --help]
inline-detox [-V]
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DESCRIPTION

The **inline-detox** utility generates new filenames to make them easier to work with under Unix and Unix-like operating systems. It replaces characters that make it hard to type out a filename with dashes and underscores. It also provides transliteration-based filters, converting ISO8859-1 or UTF-8 to 7-bit ASCII, in part or in whole. An additional filter unescapes CGI-escaped filenames.

inline-detox reads filename(s) from stdin and writes the updated filename(s) to stdout.

If a filename is passed on the command line, **inline-detox** reads this file and processes each line before writing it to stdout.

Sequences

inline-detox is driven by a configurable series of filters, called a sequence. Sequences are covered in more detail in `detoxrc(5)` and are discoverable with the **-L** option. The default sequence will run the **safe** and **wipeup** filters. Other examples of pre-configured sequences are **iso8859_1** and **utf_8**, which both provide transliteration to ASCII and then finish with the **safe** and **wipeup** filters.

Options

-f *configfile*
Use *configfile* instead of the default configuration files for loading translation sequences. No other config file will be parsed.

-h, --help
Display helpful information.

-L
List the currently available sequences. When paired with **-v** this option shows what filters are used in each sequence and any properties applied to the filters.

-s *sequence*
Use *sequence* instead of **default**.

-v
Be verbose about which files are being renamed.

-V
Show the current version of **inline-detox**.

FILES

`/etc/detoxrc`
The system-wide `detoxrc` file.

`~/.detoxrc`
A user's personal `detoxrc`. Normally it extends the system-wide `detoxrc`, unless **-f** has been specified, in which case, it is ignored.

`/usr/share/detox/safe.tbl`
The default safe character translation table.

`/usr/share/detox/iso8859_1.tbl`

The default ISO 8859-1 transliteration table.

`/usr/share/detox/unicode.tbl`

The default Unicode transliteration table, used by the UTF-8 filter.

EXAMPLES

`echo Foo Bar | inline-detox -s iso8859_1 -v`

Will run the sequence `iso8859_1` listing any changes and returning the result to STDOUT.

SEE ALSO

`detox(1)`, `detoxrc(5)`, `detox.tbl(5)`.

HISTORY

inline-detox was originally designed to clean up files that I had received from friends which had been created using other operating systems. It's trivial to create a filename with spaces, parenthesis, brackets, and ampersands under some operating systems. These have special meaning within FreeBSD and Linux, and cause problems when you go to access them. I created **inline-detox** to clean up these files.

Version 2.0 stepped back from transliteration out of the box, instead focusing on ease of use. The primary motivations for this were user-provided feedback, and the fact that many modern Unix-like OSs use UTF-8 as their primary character set. Transliterating from UTF-8 to ASCII in this scenario is lossy and pointless.

AUTHORS

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