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Using paste

paste can be used to combine fields (such as name or phone number) from different files, as well as combine lines from multiple files. For example, line one from **file1** can be combined with line one of **file2**, line two from **file1** can be combined with line two of **file2**, and so on.

To paste contents from two files, you can do:

```
1 $ paste file1 file2
```

The syntax to use a different delimiter is as follows:

```
1 $ paste -d, file1 file2
```

Common delimiters are 'space', 'tab', '|', 'comma', etc.

```
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
c7:/tmp>cat phone
555-123-4567
555-231-3891
555-893-1048
555-732-7320
c7:/tmp>cat names
Wally
Beaver
Lumpy
June
c7:/tmp>paste phone names
555-123-4567 Wally
555-231-3891 Beaver
555-893-1048 Lumpy
555-732-7320 June
c7:/tmp>paste -d ':' phone names
555-123-4567:Wally
555-231-3891:Beaver
555-893-1048:Lumpy
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