

NAME

more – file perusal filter for crt viewing

SYNOPSIS

more [options] *file* ...

DESCRIPTION

more is a filter for paging through text one screenful at a time. This version is especially primitive. Users should realize that **less**(1) provides **more**(1) emulation plus extensive enhancements.

OPTIONS

Options are also taken from the environment variable **MORE** (make sure to precede them with a dash (–)) but command–line options will override those.

–d, --silent

Prompt with "[Press space to continue, 'q' to quit.]", and display "[Press 'h' for instructions.]" instead of ringing the bell when an illegal key is pressed.

–l, --logical

Do not pause after any line containing a **^L** (form feed).

–e, --exit-on-eof

Exit on End–Of–File, enabled by default if not executed on terminal.

–f, --no-pause

Count logical lines, rather than screen lines (i.e., long lines are not folded).

–p, --print-over

Do not scroll. Instead, clear the whole screen and then display the text. Notice that this option is switched on automatically if the executable is named **page**.

–c, --clean-print

Do not scroll. Instead, paint each screen from the top, clearing the remainder of each line as it is displayed.

–s, --squeeze

Squeeze multiple blank lines into one.

–u, --plain

Suppress underlining. This option is silently ignored as backwards compatibility.

–n, --lines *number*

Specify the *number* of lines per screenful. The *number* argument is a positive decimal integer. The **--lines** option shall override any values obtained from any other source, such as number of lines reported by terminal.

–*number*

A numeric option means the same as **--lines** option argument.

+*number*

Start displaying each file at line *number*.

+/*string*

The *string* to be searched in each file before starting to display it.

–h, --help

Display help text and exit.

-V, --version

Print version and exit.

COMMANDS

Interactive commands for **more** are based on **vi**(1). Some commands may be preceded by a decimal number, called *k* in the descriptions below. In the following descriptions, **^X** means **control-X**.

h or **?**

Help; display a summary of these commands. If you forget all other commands, remember this one.

SPACE

Display next *k* lines of text. Defaults to current screen size.

z

Display next *k* lines of text. Defaults to current screen size. Argument becomes new default.

RETURN

Display next *k* lines of text. Defaults to 1. Argument becomes new default.

d or **^D**

Scroll *k* lines. Default is current scroll size, initially 11. Argument becomes new default.

q or **Q** or **INTERRUPT**

Exit.

s

Skip forward *k* lines of text. Defaults to 1.

f

Skip forward *k* screenfuls of text. Defaults to 1.

b or **^B**

Skip backwards *k* screenfuls of text. Defaults to 1. Only works with files, not pipes.

,

Go to the place where the last search started.

=

Display current line number.

/pattern

Search for *k*th occurrence of regular expression. Defaults to 1.

n

Search for *k*th occurrence of last regular expression. Defaults to 1.

!command or **!:command**

Execute *command* in a subshell.

v

Start up an editor at current line. The editor is taken from the environment variable **VISUAL** if defined, or **EDITOR** if **VISUAL** is not defined, or defaults to **vi**(1) if neither **VISUAL** nor **EDITOR** is defined.

- ^L**
Redraw screen.
- :n**
Go to kth next file. Defaults to 1.
- :p**
Go to kth previous file. Defaults to 1.
- :f**
Display current file name and line number.
- .**
Repeat previous command.

ENVIRONMENT

The **more** command respects the following environment variables, if they exist:

MORE

This variable may be set with favored options to **more**.

SHELL

Current shell in use (normally set by the shell at login time).

TERM

The terminal type used by **more** to get the terminal characteristics necessary to manipulate the screen.

VISUAL

The editor the user prefers. Invoked when command key *v* is pressed.

EDITOR

The editor of choice when **VISUAL** is not specified.

HISTORY

The **more** command appeared in 3.0BSD. This man page documents **more** version 5.19 (Berkeley 6/29/88), which is currently in use in the Linux community. Documentation was produced using several other versions of the man page, and extensive inspection of the source code.

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SEE ALSO

less(1), **vi(1)**

REPORTING BUGS

For bug reports, use the issue tracker at <https://github.com/util-linux/util-linux/issues>.

AVAILABILITY

The **more** command is part of the util-linux package which can be downloaded from [Linux Kernel Archive](https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/) <<https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/>>.