

**NAME**

echo – display a line of text

**SYNOPSIS**

**echo** [*SHORT-OPTION*]... [*STRING*]...

**echo** *LONG-OPTION*

**DESCRIPTION**

Echo the *STRING*(s) to standard output.

- n** do not output the trailing newline
- e** enable interpretation of backslash escapes
- E** disable interpretation of backslash escapes (default)
- help** display this help and exit
- version** output version information and exit

If **-e** is in effect, the following sequences are recognized:

- \\** backslash
- \a** alert (BEL)
- \b** backspace
- \c** produce no further output
- \e** escape
- \f** form feed
- \n** new line
- \r** carriage return
- \t** horizontal tab
- \v** vertical tab
- \0NNN** byte with octal value NNN (1 to 3 digits)
- \xHH** byte with hexadecimal value HH (1 to 2 digits)

NOTE: your shell may have its own version of echo, which usually supersedes the version described here. Please refer to your shell's documentation for details about the options it supports.

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