

**NAME**

**wc** – print newline, word, and byte counts for each file

**SYNOPSIS**

**wc** [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

**wc** [*OPTION*]... *--files0-from=F*

**DESCRIPTION**

Print newline, word, and byte counts for each *FILE*, and a total line if more than one *FILE* is specified. A word is a non-zero-length sequence of characters delimited by white space.

With no *FILE*, or when *FILE* is *-*, read standard input.

The options below may be used to select which counts are printed, always in the following order: newline, word, character, byte, maximum line length.

**-c, --bytes**

print the byte counts

**-m, --chars**

print the character counts

**-l, --lines**

print the newline counts

**--files0-from=F**

read input from the files specified by NUL-terminated names in file *F*; If *F* is *-* then read names from standard input

**-L, --max-line-length**

print the maximum display width

**-w, --words**

print the word counts

**--help** display this help and exit

**--version**

output version information and exit

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**REPORTING BUGS**

GNU coreutils online help: <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>>

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Full documentation <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/wc>>  
or available locally via: info '(coreutils) wc invocation'