

**NAME**

**manpath** – determine search path for manual pages

**SYNOPSIS**

**manpath** [ **-qgdc?V** ] [ **-m** *system* [ *,...* ] ] [ **-C** *file* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

If **\$MANPATH** is set, **manpath** will simply display its contents and issue a warning. If not, **manpath** will determine a suitable manual page hierarchy search path and display the results.

The colon-delimited path is determined using information gained from the man-db configuration file – (*/etc/manpath.config*) and the user's environment.

**OPTIONS**

**-q, --quiet**

Do not issue warnings.

**-d, --debug**

Print debugging information.

**-c, --catpath**

Produce a catpath as opposed to a manpath. Once the manpath is determined, each path element is converted to its relative catpath.

**-g, --global**

Produce a manpath consisting of all paths named as "global" within the man-db configuration file.

**-m** *system* [ *,...* ], **--systems=***system* [ *,...* ]

If this system has access to other operating systems' manual hierarchies, this option can be used to include them in the output of **manpath**. To include NewOS's manual page hierarchies use the option **-m NewOS**.

The *system* specified can be a combination of comma delimited operating system names. To include the native operating system's manual page hierarchies, the system name **man** must be included in the argument string. This option will override the **\$SYSTEM** environment variable.

**-C** *file*, **--config-file=***file*

Use this user configuration file rather than the default of *~/manpath*.

**-, --help**

Print a help message and exit.

**--usage**

Print a short usage message and exit.

**-V, --version**

Display version information.

**ENVIRONMENT****MANPATH**

If **\$MANPATH** is set, **manpath** displays its value rather than determining it on the fly.

See the **SEARCH PATH** section of **manpath(5)** for the default behaviour and details of how this environment variable is handled.

**SYSTEM**

If **\$SYSTEM** is set, it will have the same effect as if it had been specified as the argument to the **-m** option.

**FILES**

*/etc/manpath.config* man-db configuration file.

**SEE ALSO**

**apropos(1), man(1), whatis(1)**

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**BUGS**

<https://gitlab.com/cjwtson/man-db/-/issues>

<https://savannah.nongnu.org/bugs/?group=man-db>