

**NAME**

fmt – simple optimal text formatter

**SYNOPSIS**

**fmt** [-*WIDTH*] [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

**DESCRIPTION**

Reformat each paragraph in the *FILE*(s), writing to standard output. The option **-WIDTH** is an abbreviated form of **--width=DIGITS**.

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

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

**-c, --crown-margin**

preserve indentation of first two lines

**-p, --prefix=STRING**

reformat only lines beginning with *STRING*, reattaching the prefix to reformatted lines

**-s, --split-only**

split long lines, but do not refill

**-t, --tagged-paragraph**

indentation of first line different from second

**-u, --uniform-spacing**

one space between words, two after sentences

**-w, --width=WIDTH**

maximum line width (default of 75 columns)

**-g, --goal=WIDTH**

goal width (default of 93% of width)

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

**--version**

output version information and exit

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**REPORTING BUGS**

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