

NAME

unexpand – convert spaces to tabs

SYNOPSIS

unexpand [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

Convert blanks in each *FILE* to tabs, writing to standard output.

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

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

-a, --all

convert all blanks, instead of just initial blanks

--first-only

convert only leading sequences of blanks (overrides **-a**)

-t, --tabs=*N*

have tabs *N* characters apart instead of 8 (enables **-a**)

-t, --tabs=*LIST*

use comma separated list of tab positions The last specified position can be prefixed with *'/'* to specify a tab size to use after the last explicitly specified tab stop. Also a prefix of *'+'* can be used to align remaining tab stops relative to the last specified tab stop instead of the first column

--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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expand(1)

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