

**NAME**

**manconv** – convert manual page from one encoding to another

**SYNOPSIS**

**manconv** **-f** [ *from-code* [:*from-code* ...] ] **-t** *to-code* [ **-dqhV** ] [ *filename* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

**manconv** converts a manual page from one encoding to another, like **iconv**. Unlike **iconv**, it can try multiple possible input encodings in sequence. This is useful for manual pages installed in directories without an explicit encoding declaration, since they may be in UTF-8 or in a legacy character set.

If an encoding declaration is found on the first line of the manual page, that declaration overrides any input encodings specified on **manconv**'s command line. Encoding declarations have the following form:

" \* coding: UTF-8 \*

or (if manual page preprocessors are also to be declared):

" t \* coding: ISO-8859-1 \*

**OPTIONS**

**-f** *encodings*, **--from-code** *encodings*

Try each of *encodings* (a colon-separated list) in sequence as the input encoding. The default is to guess likely input encodings based on the file name.

**-t** *encoding*, **--to-code** *encoding*

Convert the manual page to *encoding*.

**-q**, **--quiet**

Do not issue error messages when the page cannot be converted.

**-d**, **--debug**

Print debugging information.

**-h**, **--help**

Print a help message and exit.

**-V**, **--version**

Display version information.

**SEE ALSO**

*iconv*(1), *man*(1), *man-recode*(1)

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**BUGS**

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

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