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`-l'
`--format=long'
`--format=verbose'
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In addition to the name of each file, print the file type, file mode bits, number of hard links, owner name, group name, size, and timestamp (*note Formatting file timestamps::), normally the modification time. Print question marks for information that cannot be determined.

Normally the size is printed as a byte count without punctuation, but this can be overridden (*note Block size::). For example, ``-h'` prints an abbreviated, human-readable count, and ``--block-size="1"` prints a byte count with the thousands separator of the current locale.

For each directory that is listed, preface the files with a line ``total BLOCKS'`, where BLOCKS is the total disk allocation for all files in that directory. The block size currently defaults to 1024 bytes, but this can be overridden (*note Block size::). The BLOCKS computed counts each hard link separately; this is arguably a deficiency.

The file type is one of the following characters:

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`_'
    regular file

`b'
    block special file

`c'
    character special file

`C'
    high performance ("contiguous data") file

`d'
    directory

`D'
    door (Solaris 2.5 and up)

`l'
    symbolic link

`M'
    off-line ("migrated") file (Cray DMF)

`n'
    network special file (HP-UX)
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`p'
FIFO (named pipe)

`P'
port (Solaris 10 and up)

`s'
socket

`?'
some other file type

The file mode bits listed are similar to symbolic mode specifications (*note Symbolic Modes::). But `ls' combines multiple bits into the third character of each set of permissions as follows:

`s'
If the set-user-ID or set-group-ID bit and the corresponding executable bit are both set.

`S'
If the set-user-ID or set-group-ID bit is set but the corresponding executable bit is not set.

`t'
If the restricted deletion flag or sticky bit, and the other-executable bit, are both set. The restricted deletion flag is another name for the sticky bit. *Note Mode Structure::.

`T'
If the restricted deletion flag or sticky bit is set but the other-executable bit is not set.

`x'
If the executable bit is set and none of the above apply.

`_'
Otherwise.

Following the file mode bits is a single character that specifies whether an alternate access method such as an access control list applies to the file. When the character following the file mode bits is a space, there is no alternate access method. When it is a printing character, then there is such a method.

GNU `ls' uses a `.' character to indicate a file with an SELinux security context, but no other alternate access method.

A file with any other combination of alternate access methods is marked with a '+' character.

On a regular (MBR) system, there are a maximum of 4 reg. partitions.
On a GPT system, you can have up to 128 partitions.