

NAME

nl – number lines of files

SYNOPSIS

nl [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

Write each *FILE* to standard output, with line numbers added.

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

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

-b, --body-numbering=STYLE

use *STYLE* for numbering body lines

-d, --section-delimiter=CC

use *CC* for logical page delimiters

-f, --footer-numbering=STYLE

use *STYLE* for numbering footer lines

-h, --header-numbering=STYLE

use *STYLE* for numbering header lines

-i, --line-increment=NUMBER

line number increment at each line

-l, --join-blank-lines=NUMBER

group of *NUMBER* empty lines counted as one

-n, --number-format=FORMAT

insert line numbers according to *FORMAT*

-p, --no-renumber

do not reset line numbers for each section

-s, --number-separator=STRING

add *STRING* after (possible) line number

-v, --starting-line-number=NUMBER

first line number for each section

-w, --number-width=NUMBER

use *NUMBER* columns for line numbers

--help display this help and exit

--version

output version information and exit

Default options are: **-bt -d'\:' -fn -hn -il -ll -n'm' -s<TAB> -v1 -w6**

CC are two delimiter characters used to construct logical page delimiters; a missing second character implies `:`.

STYLE is one of:

a number all lines

t number only nonempty lines

n number no lines

pBRE number only lines that contain a match for the basic regular expression, *BRE*

FORMAT is one of:

ln left justified, no leading zeros

rn right justified, no leading zeros
rz right justified, leading zeros

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Full documentation <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/nl>>
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