

**NAME**

git-check-attr – Display gitattributes information

**SYNOPSIS**

```
git check-attr [-a | --all | <attr>...] [--] <pathname>...
git check-attr --stdin [-z] [-a | --all | <attr>...]
```

**DESCRIPTION**

For every pathname, this command will list if each attribute is *unspecified*, *set*, or *unset* as a gitattribute on that pathname.

**OPTIONS**

–a, --all

List all attributes that are associated with the specified paths. If this option is used, then *unspecified* attributes will not be included in the output.

--cached

Consider **.gitattributes** in the index only, ignoring the working tree.

--stdin

Read pathnames from the standard input, one per line, instead of from the command-line.

–z

The output format is modified to be machine-parsable. If **--stdin** is also given, input paths are separated with a NUL character instead of a newline character.

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Interpret all preceding arguments as attributes and all following arguments as path names.

If none of **--stdin**, **--all**, or **—** is used, the first argument will be treated as an attribute and the rest of the arguments as pathnames.

**OUTPUT**

The output is of the form: <path> COLON SP <attribute> COLON SP <info> LF

unless **–z** is in effect, in which case NUL is used as delimiter: <path> NUL <attribute> NUL <info> NUL

<path> is the path of a file being queried, <attribute> is an attribute being queried and <info> can be either:

*unspecified*

when the attribute is not defined for the path.

*unset*

when the attribute is defined as false.

*set*

when the attribute is defined as true.

<value>

when a value has been assigned to the attribute.

Buffering happens as documented under the **GIT\_FLUSH** option in **git(1)**. The caller is responsible for avoiding deadlocks caused by overfilling an input buffer or reading from an empty output buffer.

**EXAMPLES**

In the examples, the following *.gitattributes* file is used:

```
*.java diff=java -crlf myAttr
NoMyAttr.java !myAttr
README caveat=unspecified
```

- Listing a single attribute:

```
$ git check-attr diff org/example/MyClass.java
org/example/MyClass.java: diff: java
```

- Listing multiple attributes for a file:

```
$ git check-attr crlf diff myAttr -- org/example/MyClass.java
org/example/MyClass.java: crlf: unset
org/example/MyClass.java: diff: java
org/example/MyClass.java: myAttr: set
```

- Listing all attributes for a file:

```
$ git check-attr --all -- org/example/MyClass.java
org/example/MyClass.java: diff: java
org/example/MyClass.java: myAttr: set
```

- Listing an attribute for multiple files:

```
$ git check-attr myAttr -- org/example/MyClass.java org/example/NoMyAttr.java
org/example/MyClass.java: myAttr: set
org/example/NoMyAttr.java: myAttr: unspecified
```

- Not all values are equally unambiguous:

```
$ git check-attr caveat README
README: caveat: unspecified
```

## SEE ALSO

**gitattributes(5).**

## GIT

Part of the **git(1)** suite