

NAME

ls - list directory contents

SYNOPSIS

ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...

DESCRIPTION

List information about the FILES (the current directory by default). Sort entries alphabetically if none of -cftuvSUX nor --sort.

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

-a, --all
do not ignore entries starting with .

-A, --almost-all
do not list implied . and ..

--author
with -l, print the author of each file

-b, --escape
print octal escapes for nongraphic characters

--block-size=SIZE
use SIZE-byte blocks

-B, --ignore-backups
do not list implied entries ending with ~

-c
with -lt: sort by, and show, ctime (time of last modification of file status information) with -l: show ctime and sort by name otherwise: sort by ctime

-C
list entries by columns

--color[=WHEN]
control whether color is used to distinguish file types. WHEN may be `never', `always', or `auto'

-d, --directory
list directory entries instead of contents, and do not dereference symbolic links

-D, --dired
generate output designed for Emacs' dired mode

-f
do not sort, enable -aU, disable -ls --color

-F, --classify
append indicator (one of */=>@|) to entries

--file-type
likewise, except do not append `*'

--format=WORD
across -x, commas -m, horizontal -x, long -l, single-column -l, verbose -l, vertical -C

- full-time
like -l --time-style=full-iso
- g like -l, but do not list owner
- group-directories-first
group directories before files.
- augment with a --sort option, but any use of --sort=none (-U)
disables grouping
- G, --no-group
in a long listing, don't print group names
- h, --human-readable
with -l, print sizes in human readable format (e.g., 1K 234M 2G)
- si likewise, but use powers of 1000 not 1024
- H, --dereference-command-line
follow symbolic links listed on the command line
- dereference-command-line-symlink-to-dir
follow each command line symbolic link that points to a directory
- hide=PATTERN
do not list implied entries matching shell PATTERN (overridden
by -a or -A)
- indicator-style=WORD
append indicator with style WORD to entry names: none (default),
slash (-p), file-type (--file-type), classify (-F)
- i, --inode
print the index number of each file
- I, --ignore=PATTERN
do not list implied entries matching shell PATTERN
- k like --block-size=1K
- l use a long listing format
- L, --dereference
when showing file information for a symbolic link, show information
for the file the link references rather than for the link
itself
- m fill width with a comma separated list of entries
- n, --numeric-uid-gid
like -l, but list numeric user and group IDs
- N, --literal
print raw entry names (don't treat e.g. control characters specially)
- o like -l, but do not list group information
- p, --indicator-style=slash
append / indicator to directories
- q, --hide-control-chars
print ? instead of non graphic characters

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--show-control-chars
    show non graphic characters as-is (default unless program is
    `ls' and output is a terminal)

-Q, --quote-name
    enclose entry names in double quotes

--quoting-style=WORD
    use quoting style WORD for entry names: literal, locale,  shell,
    shell-always, c, escape

-r, --reverse
    reverse order while sorting

-R, --recursive
    list subdirectories recursively

-s, --size
    print the allocated size of each file, in blocks

-S      sort by file size

--sort=WORD
    sort  by  WORD  instead of name: none -U, extension -X, size -S,
    time -t, version -v

--time=WORD
    with -l, show time as WORD instead of modification time:  atime
    -u, access -u, use -u, ctime -c, or status -c; use specified
    time as sort key if --sort=time

--time-style=STYLE
    with -l, show times using style STYLE: full-iso, long-iso,  iso,
    locale, +FORMAT.  FORMAT is interpreted like `date'; if FORMAT
    is FORMAT1FORMAT2, FORMAT1 applies to non-recent  files
    and FORMAT2 to recent files; if STYLE is prefixed with `posix-',
    STYLE takes effect only outside the POSIX locale

-t      sort by modification time

-T, --tabsize=COLS
    assume tab stops at each COLS instead of 8

-u      with -lt: sort by, and show, access time with -l:  show  access
    time and sort by name otherwise: sort by access time

-U      do not sort; list entries in directory order

-v      natural sort of (version) numbers within text

-w, --width=COLS
    assume screen width instead of current value

-x      list entries by lines instead of by columns

-X      sort alphabetically by entry extension

-Z, --context
    print any SELinux security context of each file

-l      list one file per line

--help display this help and exit

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--version
output version information and exit

SIZE may be (or may be an integer optionally followed by) one of following: kB 1000, K 1024, MB 1000*1000, M 1024*1024, and so on for G, T, P, E, Z, Y.

By default, color is not used to distinguish types of files. That is equivalent to using --color=none. Using the --color option without the optional WHEN argument is equivalent to using --color=always. With --color=auto, color codes are output only if standard output is connected to a terminal (tty). The environment variable LS_COLORS can influence the colors, and can be set easily by the dircolors command.

Exit status:

- 0 if OK,
- 1 if minor problems (e.g., cannot access subdirectory),
- 2 if serious trouble (e.g., cannot access command-line argument).

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SEE ALSO

The full documentation for ls is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the info and ls programs are properly installed at your site, the command

info coreutils 'ls invocation'

should give you access to the complete manual.