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uniq - report or omit repeated lines

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uniq [*OPTION*]... [*INPUT* [*OUTPUT*]]

DESCRIPTION [top](#)

Filter adjacent matching lines from INPUT (or standard input), writing to OUTPUT (or standard output).

With no options, matching lines are merged to the first occurrence.

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

-c, --count
prefix lines by the number of occurrences

-d, --repeated
only print duplicate lines, one for each group

-D print all duplicate lines

--all-repeated[=*METHOD*]
like **-D**, but allow separating groups with an empty line;
METHOD={none(default),prepend,separate}

-f, --skip-fields=*N*
avoid comparing the first *N* fields

--group[=*METHOD*]

show all items, separating groups with an empty line;
METHOD={separate(default),prepend,append,both}

- i, --ignore-case**
ignore differences in case when comparing
- s, --skip-chars=*N***
avoid comparing the first *N* characters
- u, --unique**
only print unique lines
- z, --zero-terminated**
line delimiter is NUL, not newline
- w, --check-chars=*N***
compare no more than *N* characters in lines
- help** display this help and exit
- version**
output version information and exit

A field is a run of blanks (usually spaces and/or TABs), then non-blank characters. Fields are skipped before chars.

'uniq' does not detect repeated lines unless they are adjacent. You may want to sort the input first, or use 'sort **-u**' without 'uniq'.

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