

NAME

comm – print lines common to two files

SYNOPSIS

comm [- [**123**]] file1 file2

DESCRIPTION

Comm reads *file1* and *file2*, which should be sorted in the same order, and produces a three column output: lines only in *file1*; lines only in *file2*; and lines in both files. The filename ‘–’ means the standard input.

Flags 1, 2, or 3 suppress printing of the corresponding column. Thus **comm –12** prints only the lines common to the two files; **comm –23** prints only lines in the first file but not in the second; **comm –123** is a no-op.

SEE ALSO

cmp(I), diff(I), uniq(I)