NAME

sum - print checksum of a file

SYNOPSIS

sum [file] ...

DESCRIPTION

Sum sums the contents of the bytes (mod 2¹⁶) of each *file* specified. Sum prints the file name, the number of whole or partial 512-byte disk blocks read, and the summed value of its bytes in decimal.

In practice, *sum* is often used to vertify that all of a special file can be read without error.