

NAME

tail – deliver the last part of a file

SYNOPSIS

tail [\pm number[**lbc**]] [file]

DESCRIPTION

Tail copies the named file to the standard output beginning at a designated place. If no file is named, the standard input is used.

Copying begins at distance *+number* from the beginning, or *–number* from the end of the input. *Number* is counted in units of lines, blocks or characters, according to the appended option **l**, **b** or **c**. When no units are specified, counting is by lines.

SEE ALSO

dd(I)

BUGS

Tails relative to the end of the file are treasured up in a buffer, and thus are limited in length. Various kinds of anomalous behavior may happen with character special files.