

NAME

vp – Versatec print

SYNOPSIS

vp [**-b**bin] [**-o**offset] [**-t**tspec] [**-n**] [**-r**name] cmd [args]

DESCRIPTION

Vp builds a *sh*(I) command file in directory **/usr/vpd**, and invokes **/etc/vpd** (the Versatec daemon). The command file has the form:

```
: logname
vpbrk bin logname
chdir curdir
= p <logdir/.path
cmd args ^ reform tspec -0 +poffset
cat /usr/vpd/.X
[ echo shfile finished ^ mail logname >/dev/null ]
[ echo shfile finished ^ write logname >/dev/null ]
rm -f shfile
```

Here *logname* is your login name, *curdir* is your current directory when you executed *vp*, *logdir* is your login directory, *shfile* is the name that *vp* selects for the generated command file, *bin* is your data station bin (see below), *offset* is the offset for *reform*(I) (see below), and *cmd* and *args* are the command and optional arguments specified on the command line.

The Versatec daemon, **/etc/vpd**, invokes *sh*(I) on the command files that *vp* queues up in **/usr/vpd**. The daemon redirects the standard output of each command file to the Versatec printer.

The keyletter arguments are as follows:

- b** Your data station bin.
- o** The offset for *reform*. The default is 12.
- t** The first tabspec for *reform*. The default is ‘—’.
- n** A flag that includes the optional “mail” and “write” lines in the command file.
- r** The file named *name* is to be removed after printing is completed.

Example:

```
vp -bx123 pr -l84 myfile
```

OPERATIONS NOTE:

Execute **/etc/vpd** after replacing paper in the Versatec printer.

FILES

/usr/vpd/*	queued command files
/usr/vpd/.X	terminator
/usr/bin/vpbrk	break page generator
/dev/vp0	Versatec printer
/etc/vpd	daemon program

BUGS

There should be a *vp*(IV) and a *vpd*(VIII).

Only printers with DMA interfaces are handled; plotting is tolerated, but not supported.

You cannot pipe into *vp*.