

**NAME**

**wc** – word count

**SYNOPSIS**

**wc** [ **-l** ] [ name ... ]

**DESCRIPTION**

*Wc* counts lines and words in the named files, or in the standard input if no name appears. A word is a maximal string of printing characters delimited by spaces, tabs or newlines. All other characters are simply ignored.

The **-l** flag suppresses all output except the line count.