

NAME

man – print on-line documentation

SYNOPSIS

man [options] documents ...

DESCRIPTION

Man is a shell command file that prints on-line documentation on the standard output by use of *nroff*(I) or *troff*(I). On-line documentation consists of manual pages from the PWB/UNIX User's Manual.

The command line to print *manual pages* consists of

man [term] [-s] [section] title

where "term" is one of the following:

- t produces photocomposed output;
- g adapts the output to a DASI 300 terminal in 12-pitch mode;
- 450 adapts the output to the DASI 450 terminal in 10 or 12-pitch mode;
- hp adapts the output to a Hewlett Packard terminal;
- v followed by a space and a bin number, produces output on the Versatec printer. Exactly one bin number *must* be specified when the -v option is used.

The -s option prints only the SYNOPSIS portion of a manual page.

Section is the section number in the PWB/UNIX User's Manual in which a manual page is filed. It is specified as a single Arabic decimal digit. If *section* is omitted on the command line, the section number defaults to 1. If it is not in the given section, then a search is made in *all* sections of the manual. If the page is not found (i.e., does not exist), an error message is produced.

Title is the name of the manual page. One or more titles may be specified in a single command.

Thus, the command line

man -g 1 ed man tbl

would print out (in 12-pitch on a DASI 300 terminal) the currently installed versions of the commands *ed*, *man*, and *tbl*, all of which can currently be found in Section I of the manual.

DIAGNOSTICS

"man page for xxx not found" A manual page for xxx does not exist.

FILES

/usr/man/man[0-8] Installed PWB/UNIX documentation.

SEE ALSO

For those who wish to *write* manual pages such as those accessed by this command, see *PWB/UNIX Manual Page Macros* by E. M. Piskorik.