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Synopsis

```
return [N]
```

Description

The `return` command returns from a shell function.

If `N` is given, the return code to the caller is set to `N` . If not, the returned status the the status of the most recently executed command (i.e. `$?`).

Options

There are no options.

Exit status

If everything is okay, the `return` command doesn't come back. If it comes back, there was a problem in doing the return.

Status	Reason
1	`return` was called while not being in a shell function or sourced file

Examples

Portability considerations

See also

- The exit builtin command
- The exit status

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