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| TR(1) User Commands TR(1)  NAME  tr - translate or delete characters  SYNOPSIS  tr [OPTION]... SET1 [SET2]  DESCRIPTION  Translate, squeeze, and/or delete characters from standard input, writing to standard output.  -s, --squeeze-repeats  replace each input sequence of a repeated character that is listed in SET1 with a single occurrence of that charac-ter   |  | | --- | | Practical Example: Filter the exact column in ls –l showing  One easy way is to add a pass of [tr](http://linux.die.net/man/1/tr) to squeeze any repeated field separators out:  $ ps | egrep 11383 | tr -s ' ' | cut -d ' ' -f 4 | |