

**NAME**

hd – dump files in hexadecimal format

**SYNOPSIS**

**hd** [-s] [-b] [-p] [-j *offset*] [-n *bytes*] [-N *bytes*] [-w *bytes*] [-h] [-v] [*file...*]

**DESCRIPTION**

Write an unambiguous representation in hexadecimal bytes of FILE to standard output. With more than one FILE argument, concatenate them in the listed order to form the input.

With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input.

**OPTIONS**

**-s** Prints one-line string

**-b** Prints the binary of one-line string hex dump.

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% hd -s /bin/sh | hd -b > copy-of-sh
% hd -p /bin/sh | tr -d '\n' | hd -b > copy-of-sh
% hd /bin/sh | awk 'BEGIN{FS=":"}{print $2}' /
  | tr -d '\ \n' | hd -b > copy-of-sh
```

**-p** Prints without spaces and characters but in lines.

**-j offset**  
Move to file offset first

**-n BYTES**  
limit dump to BYTES input bytes

**-N BYTES**  
same as -n, 'od' cmpt

**-w BYTES**  
number of bytes to display per line

**-h** Help screen

**-v** Program information (version, license, ...)

**SEE ALSO**

od(1)

**NOTES**

I should have written it 30 years ago.

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