## NAME

dirname − strip last component from file name

## SYNOPSIS

**dirname** [*OPTION*] *NAME*...

## DESCRIPTION

Output each NAME with its last non−slash component and trailing slashes removed; if NAME contains no /'s, output '.' (meaning the current directory).

**−z**, **−−zero**
end each output line with NUL, not newline

**−−help** display this help and exit

**−−version**
output version information and exit

## EXAMPLES

dirname /usr/bin/
−> "/usr"

dirname dir1/str dir2/str
−> "dir1" followed by "dir2"

dirname stdio.h
−> "."

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## REPORTING BUGS

GNU coreutils online help: <https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>
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## SEE ALSO

basename(1), readlink(1)

Full documentation at: <https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/dirname>
or available locally via: info '(coreutils) dirname invocation'