

NAME

expand – convert tabs to spaces

SYNOPSIS

expand [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

Convert tabs in each FILE to spaces, writing to standard output.

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

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

-i, --initial

do not convert tabs after non blanks

-t, --tabs=*N*

have tabs *N* characters apart, not 8

-t, --tabs=*LIST*

use comma separated list of tab positions The last specified position can be prefixed with *'* to specify a tab size to use after the last explicitly specified tab stop. Also a prefix of *'* + *'* can be used to align remaining tab stops relative to the last specified tab stop instead of the first column

--help display this help and exit

--version

output version information and exit

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REPORTING BUGS

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

Report expand translation bugs to <<https://translationproject.org/team/>>

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SEE ALSO

[unexpand\(1\)](#)

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