

**NAME**

head – output the first part of files

**SYNOPSIS**

**head** [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

**DESCRIPTION**

Print the first 10 lines of each FILE to standard output. With more than one FILE, precede each with a header giving the file name.

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

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

**-c, --bytes=[-]*NUM***

print the first NUM bytes of each file; with the leading '-', print all but the last NUM bytes of each file

**-n, --lines=[-]*NUM***

print the first NUM lines instead of the first 10; with the leading '-', print all but the last NUM lines of each file

**-q, --quiet, --silent**

never print headers giving file names

**-v, --verbose**

always print headers giving file names

**-z, --zero-terminated**

line delimiter is NUL, not newline

**--help** display this help and exit

**--version**

output version information and exit

NUM may have a multiplier suffix: b 512, kB 1000, K 1024, MB 1000\*1000, M 1024\*1024, GB 1000\*1000\*1000, G 1024\*1024\*1024, and so on for T, P, E, Z, Y.

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**REPORTING BUGS**

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**SEE ALSO**

[tail\(1\)](#)

Full documentation at: <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/head>>

or available locally via: info '(coreutils) head invocation'