

**NAME**

postcat – show Postfix queue file contents

**SYNOPSIS**

**postcat** [**-bdehnoqv**] [**-c** *config\_dir*] [*files...*]

**DESCRIPTION**

The **postcat(1)** command prints the contents of the named *files* in human-readable form. The files are expected to be in Postfix queue file format. If no *files* are specified on the command line, the program reads from standard input.

By default, **postcat(1)** shows the envelope and message content, as if the options **-beh** were specified. To view message content only, specify **-bh** (Postfix 2.7 and later).

Options:

**-b** Show body content. The **-b** option starts producing output at the first non-header line, and stops when the end of the message is reached.

This feature is available in Postfix 2.7 and later.

**-c** *config\_dir*

The **main.cf** configuration file is in the named directory instead of the default configuration directory.

**-d** Print the decimal type of each record.

**-e** Show message envelope content.

This feature is available in Postfix 2.7 and later.

**-h** Show message header content. The **-h** option produces output from the beginning of the message up to, but not including, the first non-header line.

This feature is available in Postfix 2.7 and later.

**-o** Print the queue file offset of each record.

**-q** Search the Postfix queue for the named *files* instead of taking the names literally.

This feature is available in Postfix 2.0 and later.

**-v** Enable verbose logging for debugging purposes. Multiple **-v** options make the software increasingly verbose.

**DIAGNOSTICS**

Problems are reported to the standard error stream.

**ENVIRONMENT****MAIL\_CONFIG**

Directory with Postfix configuration files.

**CONFIGURATION PARAMETERS**

The following **main.cf** parameters are especially relevant to this program.

The text below provides only a parameter summary. See **postconf(5)** for more details including examples.

**config\_directory** (see '**postconf -d**' output)

The default location of the Postfix **main.cf** and **master.cf** configuration files.

**import\_environment** (see '**postconf -d**' output)

The list of environment parameters that a privileged Postfix process will import from a non-Postfix parent process, or name=value environment overrides.

**queue\_directory** (see '**postconf -d**' output)

The location of the Postfix top-level queue directory.

**FILES**

/var/spool/postfix, Postfix queue directory

**SEE ALSO**

[postconf\(5\)](#),  
Postfix configuration

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