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NAME

fmt - simple optimal text formatter

#### SYNOPSIS

fmt [-WIDTH] [OPTION]... [FILE]...

#### DESCRIPTION

Reformat each paragraph in the FILE(s), writing to standard output. The option -WIDTH is

an abbreviated form of --width=DIGITS.

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

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

-c, --crown-margin

preserve indentation of first two lines

-p, --prefix=STRING

reformat only lines beginning with STRING, reattaching the prefix to reformatted

lines

-s, --split-only

split long lines, but do not refill

-t, --tagged-paragraph

indentation of first line different from second

-u, --uniform-spacing

one space between words, two after sentences

-w, --width=WIDTH

maximum line width (default of 75 columns)

-g, --goal=WIDTH

goal width (default of 93% of width)

--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/>

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#### SEE ALSO

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

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

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