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***Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'lessecho.1'***

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**NAME**

lessecho - expand metacharacters

**SYNOPSIS**

lessecho [-ox] [-cx] [-pn] [-dn] [-mx] [-nn] [-ex] [-a] file ...

**DESCRIPTION**

lessecho is a program that simply echos its arguments on standard output. But any metacharacter in the output is preceded by an "escape" character, which by default is a backslash.

**OPTIONS**

A summary of options is included below.

- ex Specifies "x", rather than backslash, to be the escape char for metachars. If x is "-", no escape char is used and arguments containing metachars are surrounded by quotes instead.
- ox Specifies "x", rather than double-quote, to be the open quote character, which is used if the -e- option is specified.
- cx Specifies "x" to be the close quote character.
- pn Specifies "n" to be the open quote character, as an integer.
- dn Specifies "n" to be the close quote character, as an integer.
- mx Specifies "x" to be a metachar. By default, no characters are considered metachars.
- nn Specifies "n" to be a metachar, as an integer.
- fn Specifies "n" to be the escape char for metachars, as an integer.

- a Specifies that all arguments are to be quoted. The default is that only arguments containing metacharacters are quoted.

## SEE ALSO

less(1)

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