Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'look.1'

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NAME

    look - display lines beginning with a given string

SYNOPSIS

    look [options] string [file]

DESCRIPTION

    The look utility displays any lines in file which contain string. As look performs a

    binary search, the lines in file must be sorted (where sort(1) was given the same options

    -d and/or -f that look is invoked with).

    If file is not specified, the file /usr/share/dict/words is used, only alphanumeric

    characters are compared and the case of alphabetic characters is ignored.

OPTIONS

    -a, --alternative

        Use the alternative dictionary file.

    -d, --alphanum

        Use normal dictionary character set and order, i.e., only blanks and alphanumeric

        characters are compared. This is on by default if no file is specified.

        Note that blanks have been added to dictionary character set for compatibility with

        sort -d command since version 2.28.

    -f, --ignore-case

        Ignore the case of alphabetic characters. This is on by default if no file is

        specified.

    -t, --terminate character

Specify a string termination character, i.e., only the characters in string up to and including the first occurrence of character are compared.

-V, --version

Display version information and exit.

-h, --help

Display help text and exit.

The look utility exits 0 if one or more lines were found and displayed, 1 if no lines were found, and >1 if an error occurred.

ENVIRONMENT

WORDLIST

Path to a dictionary file. The environment variable has greater priority than the dictionary path defined in FILES segment.

FILES

/usr/share/dict/words

the dictionary

/usr/share/dict/web2

the alternative dictionary

HISTORY

The look utility appeared in Version 7 AT&T Unix.

EXAMPLES

sort -d /etc/passwd -o /tmp/look.dict

look -t: root:foobar /tmp/look.dict

SEE ALSO

grep(1), sort(1)

REPORTING BUGS

For bug reports, use the issue tracker at https://github.com/karelzak/util-linux/issues.

AVAILABILITY

The look command is part of the util-linux package which can be downloaded from Linux Kernel Archive <https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/>.

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