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# Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'expr.1' command

# \$ man expr.1 EXPR(1) User Commands EXPR(1) NAME expr - evaluate expressions **SYNOPSIS** expr EXPRESSION expr OPTION DESCRIPTION --help display this help and exit --version output version information and exit Print the value of EXPRESSION to standard output. A blank line below separates increasing precedence groups. EXPRESSION may be: ARG1 | ARG2 ARG1 if it is neither null nor 0, otherwise ARG2 ARG1 & ARG2 ARG1 if neither argument is null or 0, otherwise 0 ARG1 < ARG2 ARG1 is less than ARG2 ARG1 <= ARG2 ARG1 is less than or equal to ARG2 ARG1 = ARG2

ARG1 is unequal to ARG2

#### ARG1 >= ARG2

ARG1 is greater than or equal to ARG2

# ARG1 > ARG2

ARG1 is greater than ARG2

#### ARG1 + ARG2

arithmetic sum of ARG1 and ARG2

# ARG1 - ARG2

arithmetic difference of ARG1 and ARG2

#### ARG1 \* ARG2

arithmetic product of ARG1 and ARG2

#### ARG1 / ARG2

arithmetic quotient of ARG1 divided by ARG2

#### ARG1 % ARG2

arithmetic remainder of ARG1 divided by ARG2

#### STRING : REGEXP

anchored pattern match of REGEXP in STRING

#### match STRING REGEXP

same as STRING : REGEXP

#### substr STRING POS LENGTH

substring of STRING, POS counted from 1

#### index STRING CHARS

index in STRING where any CHARS is found, or 0

#### length STRING

length of STRING

# + TOKEN

interpret TOKEN as a string, even if it is a

keyword like 'match' or an operator like '/'

#### (EXPRESSION)

value of EXPRESSION

Beware that many operators need to be escaped or quoted for shells.

Comparisons are arithmetic if both ARGs are numbers, else lexicographi?

cal. Pattern matches return the string matched between \( and \) or

null; if \( and \) are not used, they return the number of characters

matched or 0.

Exit status is 0 if EXPRESSION is neither null nor 0, 1 if EXPRESSION is null or 0, 2 if EXPRESSION is syntactically invalid, and 3 if an er? ror occurred.

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

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

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