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

# \$ man split.1 SPLIT(1) User Commands SPLIT(1) NAME split - split a file into pieces **SYNOPSIS** split [OPTION]... [FILE [PREFIX]] DESCRIPTION Output pieces of FILE to PREFIXaa, PREFIXab, ...; default size is 1000 lines, and default PREFIX is 'x'. With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input. Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too. -a, --suffix-length=N generate suffixes of length N (default 2) --additional-suffix=SUFFIX append an additional SUFFIX to file names -b, --bytes=SIZE put SIZE bytes per output file -C, --line-bytes=SIZE put at most SIZE bytes of records per output file -d use numeric suffixes starting at 0, not alphabetic --numeric-suffixes[=FROM] same as -d, but allow setting the start value

-x use hex suffixes starting at 0, not alphabetic

--hex-suffixes[=FROM]

same as -x, but allow setting the start value

-e, --elide-empty-files

do not generate empty output files with '-n'

--filter=COMMAND

write to shell COMMAND; file name is \$FILE

-I, --lines=NUMBER

put NUMBER lines/records per output file

-n, --number=CHUNKS

generate CHUNKS output files; see explanation below

-t, --separator=SEP

use SEP instead of newline as the record separator; '\0' (zero)

specifies the NUL character

-u, --unbuffered

immediately copy input to output with '-n r/...'

--verbose

print a diagnostic just before each output file is opened

--help display this help and exit

--version

output version information and exit

The SIZE argument is an integer and optional unit (example: 10K is

10\*1024). Units are K,M,G,T,P,E,Z,Y (powers of 1024) or KB,MB,...

(powers of 1000). Binary prefixes can be used, too: KiB=K, MiB=M, and

so on.

### CHUNKS may be:

- N split into N files based on size of input
- K/N output Kth of N to stdout
- I/N split into N files without splitting lines/records
- I/K/N output Kth of N to stdout without splitting lines/records
- r/N like 'l' but use round robin distribution
- r/K/N likewise but only output Kth of N to stdout

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# SEE ALSO

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

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

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