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

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### NAME

ul - do underlining

### SYNOPSIS

ul [options] [file...]

### DESCRIPTION

ul reads the named files (or standard input if none are given) and translates occurrences of underscores to the sequence which indicates underlining for the terminal in use, as specified by the environment variable TERM. The terminfo database is read to determine the appropriate sequences for underlining. If the terminal is incapable of underlining but is capable of a standout mode, then that is used instead. If the terminal can overstrike, or handles underlining automatically, ul degenerates to cat(1). If the terminal cannot underline, underlining is ignored.

### OPTIONS

-i, --indicated

Underlining is indicated by a separate line containing appropriate dashes `-'`; this is useful when you want to look at the underlining which is present in an nroff output stream on a crt-terminal.

-t, -T, --terminal terminal

Override the environment variable TERM with the specified terminal type.

-V, --version

Display version information and exit.

-h, --help

Display help text and exit.

## ENVIRONMENT

The following environment variable is used:

### TERM

The TERM variable is used to relate a tty device with its device capability description (see [terminfo\(5\)](#)). TERM is set at login time, either by the default terminal type specified in `/etc/ttys` or as set during the login process by the user in their login file (see [setenv\(3\)](#)).

## HISTORY

The `ul` command appeared in 3.0BSD.

## BUGS

`nroff` usually outputs a series of backspaces and underlines intermixed with the text to indicate underlining. No attempt is made to optimize the backward motion.

## SEE ALSO

[colcrt\(1\)](#), [login\(1\)](#), [man\(1\)](#), [nroff\(1\)](#), [setenv\(3\)](#), [terminfo\(5\)](#)

## REPORTING BUGS

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

## AVAILABILITY

The `ul` 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/>](https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/).

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