

**NAME**

dirname – strip last component from file name

**SYNOPSIS**

**dirname** [*OPTION*] *NAME*...

**DESCRIPTION**

Output each *NAME* with its last non-slash component and trailing slashes removed; if *NAME* contains no /'s, output '.' (meaning the current directory).

**-z, --zero**

end each output line with NUL, not newline

**--help** display this help and exit

**--version**

output version information and exit

**EXAMPLES**

```
dirname /usr/bin/
```

```
-> "/usr"
```

```
dirname dir1/str dir2/str
```

```
-> "dir1" followed by "dir2"
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```
dirname stdio.h
```

```
-> "."
```

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**REPORTING BUGS**

GNU coreutils online help: <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>>

Report dirname translation bugs to <<https://translationproject.org/team/>>

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**SEE ALSO**

basename(1), readlink(1)

Full documentation at: <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/dirname>>  
or available locally via: info '(coreutils) dirname invocation'