

**NAME**

`dumpe2fs` – dump ext2/ext3/ext4 filesystem information

**SYNOPSIS**

`dumpe2fs` [ **-bfgnixV** ] [ **-o superblob=superblob** ] [ **-o blocksize=blocksize** ] *device*

**DESCRIPTION**

`dumpe2fs` prints the super block and blocks group information for the filesystem present on *device*.

**Note:** When used with a mounted filesystem, the printed information may be old or inconsistent.

**OPTIONS**

- b** print the blocks which are reserved as bad in the filesystem.
- o superblob=superblob**  
use the block *superblob* when examining the filesystem. This option is not usually needed except by a filesystem wizard who is examining the remains of a very badly corrupted filesystem.
- o blocksize=blocksize**  
use blocks of *blocksize* bytes when examining the filesystem. This option is not usually needed except by a filesystem wizard who is examining the remains of a very badly corrupted filesystem.
- f** force `dumpe2fs` to display a filesystem even though it may have some filesystem feature flags which `dumpe2fs` may not understand (and which can cause some of `dumpe2fs`'s display to be suspect).
- g** display the group descriptor information in a machine readable colon-separated value format. The fields displayed are the group number; the number of the first block in the group; the superblock location (or -1 if not present); the range of blocks used by the group descriptors (or -1 if not present); the block bitmap location; the inode bitmap location; and the range of blocks used by the inode table.
- h** only display the superblock information and not any of the block group descriptor detail information.
- i** display the filesystem data from an image file created by `e2image`, using *device* as the pathname to the image file.
- m** If the `mmp` feature is enabled on the filesystem, check if *device* is in use by another node, see `e2mmpstatus(8)` for full details. If used together with the **-i** option, only the MMP block information is printed.
- x** print the detailed group information block numbers in hexadecimal format
- V** print the version number of `dumpe2fs` and exit.

**EXIT CODE**

`dumpe2fs` exits with a return code of 0 if the operation completed without errors. It will exit with a non-zero return code if there are any errors, such as problems reading a valid superblock, bad checksums, or if the device is in use by another node and **-m** is specified.

**BUGS**

You may need to know the physical filesystem structure to understand the output.

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**AVAILABILITY**

`dumpe2fs` is part of the `e2fsprogs` package and is available from <http://e2fsprogs.sourceforge.net>.

**SEE ALSO**

`e2fsck(8)`, `e2mmpstatus(8)`, `mke2fs(8)`, `tune2fs(8)`. `ext4(5)`