

NAME

nl – number lines of files

SYNOPSIS

nl [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

DESCRIPTION

Write each FILE to standard output, with line numbers added.

With no FILE, or when FILE is –, read standard input.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

- b, --body-numbering=STYLE**
use STYLE for numbering body lines
- d, --section-delimiter=CC**
use CC for logical page delimiters
- f, --footer-numbering=STYLE**
use STYLE for numbering footer lines
- h, --header-numbering=STYLE**
use STYLE for numbering header lines
- i, --line-increment=NUMBER**
line number increment at each line
- l, --join-blank-lines=NUMBER**
group of NUMBER empty lines counted as one
- n, --number-format=FORMAT**
insert line numbers according to FORMAT
- p, --no-renumber**
do not reset line numbers for each section
- s, --number-separator=STRING**
add STRING after (possible) line number
- v, --starting-line-number=NUMBER**
first line number for each section
- w, --number-width=NUMBER**
use NUMBER columns for line numbers
- help** display this help and exit
- version**
output version information and exit

Default options are: **-bt -d\'\' -fn -hn -i1 -l1 -n\'rn\' -s<TAB> -v1 -w6**

CC are two delimiter characters used to construct logical page delimiters; a missing second character implies `.`.

STYLE is one of:

- a number all lines
- t number only nonempty lines
- n number no lines

pBRE number only lines that contain a match for the basic regular expression, BRE

FORMAT is one of:

- ln left justified, no leading zeros

rn right justified, no leading zeros
rz right justified, leading zeros

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

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