

**NAME**

sha256sum – compute and check SHA256 message digest

**SYNOPSIS**

**sha256sum** [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

**DESCRIPTION**

Print or check SHA256 (256-bit) checksums.

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

**-b, --binary**

read in binary mode

**-c, --check**

read SHA256 sums from the *FILE*s and check them

**--tag** create a BSD-style checksum

**-t, --text**

read in text mode (default)

**-z, --zero**

end each output line with NUL, not newline, and disable file name escaping

**The following five options are useful only when verifying checksums:**

**--ignore-missing**

don't fail or report status for missing files

**--quiet**

don't print OK for each successfully verified file

**--status**

don't output anything, status code shows success

**--strict**

exit non-zero for improperly formatted checksum lines

**-w, --warn**

warn about improperly formatted checksum lines

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

**--version**

output version information and exit

The sums are computed as described in FIPS-180-2. When checking, the input should be a former output of this program. The default mode is to print a line with checksum, a space, a character indicating input mode (\* for binary, ' for text or where binary is insignificant), and name for each *FILE*.

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