

**NAME**

wdiff - display word differences between text files

**SYNOPSIS**

**wdiff** [*OPTION*]... *FILE1 FILE2*

**wdiff -d** [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]

**DESCRIPTION**

wdiff – Compares words in two files and report differences.

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

- C, --copyright**  
display copyright then exit
- 1, --no-deleted**  
inhibit output of deleted words
- 2, --no-inserted**  
inhibit output of inserted words
- 3, --no-common**  
inhibit output of common words
- a, --auto-pager**  
automatically calls a pager
- d, --diff-input**  
use single unified diff as input
- h, --help**  
display this help then exit
- i, --ignore-case**  
fold character case while comparing
- l, --less-mode**  
variation of printer mode for "less"
- n, --avoid-wraps**  
do not extend fields through newlines
- p, --printer**  
overstrike as for printers
- s, --statistics**  
say how many words deleted, inserted etc.
- t, --terminal**  
use termcap as for terminal displays
- v, --version**  
display program version then exit
- w, --start-delete=STRING**  
string to mark beginning of delete region
- x, --end-delete=STRING**  
string to mark end of delete region
- y, --start-insert=STRING**  
string to mark beginning of insert region
- z, --end-insert=STRING**  
string to mark end of insert region

## COMPATIBILITY

Some options that used to provide some unique functionality are no longer recommended, but still recognized for the sake of backwards compatibility.

### **-K, --no-init-term**

Now synonymous to `--terminal`, which never initializes the terminal.

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## REPORTING BUGS

Report bugs to <wdiff-bugs@gnu.org>.

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## SEE ALSO

The full documentation for **wdiff** is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the **info** and **wdiff** programs are properly installed at your site, the command

**info wdiff**

should give you access to the complete manual.