

NAME

more — file perusal filter for crt viewing

SYNOPSIS

more [-dlfpsu] [-num] [+/*pattern*] [+ *linenum*] [*file* . . .]

DESCRIPTION

More is a filter for paging through text one screenful at a time. This version is especially primitive. Users should realize that **less**(1) provides **more**(1) emulation and extensive enhancements.

OPTIONS

Command line options are described below. Options are also taken from the environment variable **MORE** (make sure to precede them with a dash (“-”)) but command line options will override them.

- num**
This option specifies an integer which is the screen size (in lines).
- d** **more** will prompt the user with the message "[Press space to continue, 'q' to quit.]" and will display "[Press 'h' for instructions.]" instead of ringing the bell when an illegal key is pressed.
- l** **more** usually treats \backslash L (form feed) as a special character, and will pause after any line that contains a form feed. The **-l** option will prevent this behavior.
- f** Causes **more** to count logical, rather than screen lines (i.e., long lines are not folded).
- p** Do not scroll. Instead, clear the whole screen and then display the text.
- c** Do not scroll. Instead, paint each screen from the top, clearing the remainder of each line as it is displayed.
- s** Squeeze multiple blank lines into one.
- u** Suppress underlining.
- +/** The **+/** option specifies a string that will be searched for before each file is displayed.
- +num**
Start at line number **num**.

COMMANDS

Interactive commands for **more** are based on **vi**(1). Some commands may be preceded by a decimal number, called **k** in the descriptions below. In the following descriptions, \wedge X means control-X.

- h** or **?** Help: display a summary of these commands. If you forget all the other commands, remember this one.
- SPACE** Display next **k** lines of text. Defaults to current screen size.
- z** Display next **k** lines of text. Defaults to current screen size. Argument becomes new default.
- RETURN** Display next **k** lines of text. Defaults to 1. Argument becomes new default.
- d** or \wedge D Scroll **k** lines. Default is current scroll size, initially 11. Argument becomes new default.
- q** or **Q** or **INTERRUPT**
Exit.

- s** Skip forward *k* lines of text. Defaults to 1.
- f** Skip forward *k* screenfuls of text. Defaults to 1.
- b** or **^B** Skip backwards *k* screenfuls of text. Defaults to 1. Only works with files, not pipes.
- '** Go to place where previous search started.
- =** Display current line number.
- /pattern** Search for *k*th occurrence of regular expression. Defaults to 1.
- n** Search for *k*th occurrence of last r.e. Defaults to 1.
- !*cmd*** or **!:*cmd***
Execute *cmd* in a subshell
- v** Start up an editor at current line. The editor is taken from the environment variable **VISUAL** if defined, or **EDITOR** if **VISUAL** is not defined, or defaults to "vi" if neither **VISUAL** nor **EDITOR** is defined.
- ^L** Redraw screen
- :n** Go to *k*th next file. Defaults to 1.
- :p** Go to *k*th previous file. Defaults to 1.
- :f** Display current file name and line number
- .** Repeat previous command

ENVIRONMENT

more utilizes the following environment variables, if they exist:

- MORE** This variable may be set with favored options to **more**.
- SHELL** Current shell in use (normally set by the shell at login time).
- TERM** Specifies terminal type, used by **more** to get the terminal characteristics necessary to manipulate the screen.

SEE ALSO

vi(1) **less(1)**

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HISTORY

The **more** command appeared in 3.0BSD. This man page documents **more** version 5.19 (Berkeley 6/29/88), which is currently in use in the Linux community. Documentation was produced using several other versions of the man page, and extensive inspection of the source code.

AVAILABILITY

The **more** command is part of the util-linux-ng package and is available from <ftp://ftp.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux-ng/>.