

NAME

echo – display a line of text

SYNOPSIS

echo [*SHORT-OPTION*]... [*STRING*]...

echo *LONG-OPTION*

DESCRIPTION

Echo the *STRING*(s) to standard output.

- n** do not output the trailing newline
- e** enable interpretation of backslash escapes
- E** disable interpretation of backslash escapes (default)
- help** display this help and exit
- version** output version information and exit

If **-e** is in effect, the following sequences are recognized:

- ** backslash
- \a** alert (BEL)
- \b** backspace
- \c** produce no further output
- \e** escape
- \f** form feed
- \n** new line
- \r** carriage return
- \t** horizontal tab
- \v** vertical tab
- \0NNN** byte with octal value NNN (1 to 3 digits)
- \xHH** byte with hexadecimal value HH (1 to 2 digits)

Your shell may have its own version of echo, which usually supersedes the version described here. Please refer to your shell's documentation for details about the options it supports.

Consider using the **printf**(1) command instead, as it avoids problems when outputting option-like strings.

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SEE ALSO

printf(1)

Full documentation [<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/echo>](https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/echo)
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