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**NAME**

tail – deliver the last part of a file

**SYNOPSIS**

**tail** [  $\pm$ number[lbc] ] [ file ]

**DESCRIPTION**

*Tail* copies the named file to the standard output beginning at a designated place. If no file is named, the standard input is used.

Copying begins at distance  $+number$  from the beginning, or  $-number$  from the end of the input. *Number* is counted in units of lines, blocks or characters, according to the appended option **l**, **b** or **c**. When no units are specified, counting is by lines.

**SEE ALSO**

dd(I)

**BUGS**

Tails relative to the end of the file are treasured up in a buffer, and thus are limited in length. Various kinds of anomalous behavior may happen with character special files.