

**NAME**

split – split a file into pieces

**SYNOPSIS**

**split** [ file1 [ file2 ] ]

**DESCRIPTION**

*Split* reads file1 and writes it in 1000-line pieces, as many as are necessary, onto a set of output files. The name of the first output file is file2 with an ‘a’ appended, and so on through the alphabet and beyond. If no output name is given, ‘x’ is default.

If no input file is given, or the first argument is ‘–’, then the standard input file is used.

**BUGS**

Watch out for 14-character file names. The number of lines per file should be an argument.