

NAME

merge – merge several files

SYNOPSIS

merge [**-anr**] [**-n**] [**+n**] [name ...]

DESCRIPTION

Merge merges several files together and writes the result on the standard output. If a file is designated by an unadorned '-', the standard input is understood.

The merge is line-by-line in increasing ASCII collating sequence, except that upper-case letters are considered the same as the corresponding lower-case letters.

Merge understands several flag arguments.

- a** Use strict ASCII collating sequence.
- n** An initial numeric string, possibly preceded by '-', is sorted by numerical value.
- r** Data is in reverse order.
- n** The first *n* fields in each line are ignored. A field is defined as a string of non-space, non-tab characters separated by tabs and spaces from its neighbors.
- +n** The first *n* characters are ignored. Fields (with **-n**) are skipped before characters.

SEE ALSO

sort(I)

BUGS

Only 8 files can be handled; any further files are ignored.