

**NAME**

`wc` – get (English) word count

**SYNOPSIS**

`wc` files

**DESCRIPTION**

*Wc* provides a count of the words, text lines, and control lines for each argument file. If no files are provided, *wc* reads the standard input.

A text line is a sequence of characters not beginning with ‘.’, ‘!’ or ‘”’ and ended by a new-line. A control line is a line beginning with ‘.’, ‘!’ or ‘”’. A word is a sequence of characters bounded by the beginning of a line, by the end of a line, or by a blank or a tab.

When there is more than one input file, a grand total is also printed.

**DIAGNOSTICS**

none; arguments not found are ignored.

**BUGS**