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comm – print lines common to two files

## SYNOPSIS

**comm** [ – [ **123** ] ] file1 file2

## DESCRIPTION

*Comm* reads *file1* and *file2*, which should be in sort, and produces a three column output: lines only in *file1*; lines only in *file2*; and lines in both files. The filename '-' means the standard input.

Flags 1, 2, or 3 suppress printing of the corresponding column. Thus **comm** -12 prints only the lines common to the two files; **comm** -23 prints only lines in the first file but not in the second; **comm** -123 is a no-op.

## SEE ALSO

cmp (I), diff (I)

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