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cmp − compare two files

SYNOPSIS

cmp [−s] [−l] file1 file2

DESCRIPTION

The two files are compared. Under default options, *cmp* makes no comment if the files are the same; if they differ, it announces the byte and line number at which the difference occurred. If one file is an initial subsequence of the other, that fact is noted. Moreover, return code 0 is yielded for identical files, 1 for different files, and 2 for an inaccessible or missing argument.

The optional argument −s is used to make a silent compare and only set the return code. The optional argument −l prints all differences in octal and can be used to compare binary files.

SEE ALSO

diff (I), comm (I)

BUGS