

## NAME

`wc` – print the number of bytes, words, and lines in files

## SYNOPSIS

`wc` [*OPTION*]... [*FILE*]...

## DESCRIPTION

Print byte, word, and newline counts for each *FILE*, and a total line if more than one *FILE* is specified. With no *FILE*, or when *FILE* is -, read standard input.

**-c, --bytes**

print the byte counts

**-m, --chars**

print the character counts

**-l, --lines**

print the newline counts

**-L, --max-line-length**

print the length of the longest line

**-w, --words**

print the word counts

**--help** display this help and exit

**--version**

output version information and exit

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## REPORTING BUGS

Report bugs to <bug-coreutils@gnu.org>.

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## SEE ALSO

The full documentation for `wc` is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the `info` and `wc` programs are properly installed at your site, the command

**info wc**

should give you access to the complete manual.