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**NAME**

comm — print lines common to two files

**SYNOPSIS**

**comm** [ - [ 123 ] ] file1 file2

**DESCRIPTION**

*Comm* reads *file1* and *file2*, which should be sorted, 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)

**BUGS**