

NAME

`join` - relational database operator

SYNOPSIS

`join` [`-n`] [`-tc`] `file1` `file2`

DESCRIPTION

Join forms, on the standard output, a join of the two relations specified by the lines of *file1* and *file2*. If *file1* is '-', the standard input is used.

File1 and *file2* must be sorted in increasing ASCII collating sequence on their first fields. There is one line in the output for each pair of lines in *file1* and *file2* that have identical first fields. The output line consists of the common first field, then the rest of the line from *file1*, then the rest of the line from *file2*.

If the optional argument `-n` is used, fields are processed on the numeric value of their first field (as a long). In this case, the files must be sorted in increasing numeric order.

Fields are normally terminated by blank, tab or newline. With option `-tc`, fields are terminated by character *c* or newline.

When first fields are null, *join* makes a cross-product file.

SEE ALSO

`sort(1)`, `comm(1)`, `sed(1)`