fmt - adjust line-length for paragraphs of text

SYNOPSIS

fmt [**-s**] [**-w** *width* | **-***width*] [*file*]...

DESCRIPTION

This page describes the version of *fmt* distributed with **elvis(1)**.

fmt is a simple text formatter. It inserts or deletes newlines, as necessary, to make all lines in a paragraph be approximately the same width. It preserves indentation and word spacing.

If you don't name any files on the command line, then **fmt** will read from stdin.

It is typically used from within **vi(1)** to adjust the line breaks in a single paragraph. To do this, move the cursor to the top of the paragraph, type "!}fmt", and hit <Return>.

OPTIONS

-w *width* or **-***width*
: Use a line width of *width* characters instead of the default of 72 characters.

-s
: Don't join lines shorter than the line width to fill paragraphs.

SEE ALSO

vi(1)

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