

Using Help Files [man]

man ls	defines the command
	shows requirements for use
	describes the use in more detail
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SYNOPSIS

The SYNOPSIS section of a man page can be difficult to understand but is very important because it provides a concise example of how to use the command. For example, consider the SYNOPSIS of the man page for the cal command:

- ls [OPTION]... [FILE]...

Cal Utility

Name | cal [-31jy] [-A number] [-B number] [-d yyyy-mm] [[month] year]
 | cal [-31j] [-A number] [-B number] [-d yyyy-mm] -m month [year]
 | ncal [-C] [-31jy] [-A number] [-B number] [-d yyyy-mm] [[month] year]

Description | cal utility displays a simple calendar in traditional format

| ncal utility offers an alternative layout, more options and the date of Easter. The new format is a little cramped but it makes a year fit on a 25x80 terminal.

| If arguments are not specified, the current month is displayed.

The options are as follows:

{{-h}} | turns off current day highlighting
 {{-J}} | displays JULian calendar
 {{-m}} |



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