

**NAME**

lessecho - expand metacharacters

**SYNOPSIS**

**lessecho** [-ox] [-cx] [-pn] [-dn] [-mx] [-nn] [-ex] [-a] file ...

**DESCRIPTION**

**lessecho** is a program that simply echos its arguments on standard output. But any metacharacter in the output is preceded by an "escape" character, which by default is a backslash.

**OPTIONS**

A summary of options is included below.

- ex** Specifies "x", rather than backslash, to be the escape char for metachars. If x is "-", no escape char is used and arguments containing metachars are surrounded by quotes instead.
- ox** Specifies "x", rather than double-quote, to be the open quote character, which is used if the -e- option is specified.
- cx** Specifies "x" to be the close quote character.
- pn** Specifies "n" to be the open quote character, as an integer.
- dn** Specifies "n" to be the close quote character, as an integer.
- mx**  
Specifies "x" to be a metachar. By default, no characters are considered metachars.
- nn** Specifies "n" to be a metachar, as an integer.
- fn** Specifies "n" to be the escape char for metachars, as an integer.
- a** Specifies that all arguments are to be quoted. The default is that only arguments containing metacharacters are quoted.

**SEE ALSO**

less(1)

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Report bugs at <https://github.com/gwsw/less/issues>.