

**NAME**

pexpand - expand requested commands in metafile

**SYNOPSIS**

**pexpand** [ **+/-EPDOCSURIlrtnvsp** ] file ..

**DESCRIPTION**

*Pexpand* reads each metafile *file* in sequence and expands any commands specified in a '+' option, and deletes any commands specified in a '-' option. This is necessary because most drivers will not support many metafile commands such as 'v' (vector string) and 'O', 'C', and 's' (segments). *Pexpand* will expand '+' instances into the corresponding primitives which are supported, and delete all '-' instances.

Certain commands are currently considered basic, and must be supported by all drivers. The commands 'D', 'E', 'S', 'U', 'R', 'l', 'r', and 't' are basic (see metafile(5)).

If no input files are specified, the standard input is read.

**+EPDOCSURIlrtnvsp**

Expand the requested command(s).

**-EPDOCSURIlrtnvsp**

Delete the requested command(s).

**EXAMPLE**

To expand vector strings and segments, and delete pauses from "meta":

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pexpand +vOCs -P meta
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**FILES**

/usr/lib/meta/vchars.mta (see metafile(5))

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**SEE ALSO**

metafile(5), psort(1)