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man — manual page format

SYNOPSIS

nroff /man/manmac *file*

DESCRIPTION

The *man* command is a shell file that invokes *nroff* or *troff* to process files in directories *man[1-8a-g]*. The source file must have the same suffix as the last character of the directory, e.g. this manual page is stored in *man5/man.5*. Macros for the formatting programs are in file *manmac*. The general format of these files is:

```
.th <name in caps> <section no in Arabic or letter> "<date>"
.sh NAME
<name> \*- <short descriptive clause>
.sh SYNOPSIS
<one line of syntax definition>
.sh DESCRIPTION
...
.sh DIAGNOSTICS
...
.sh FILES
...
.sh "SEE ALSO"
...
.sh BUGS
...
```

The format is, for example for this page:

```
.th MAN 5 "1 October1977"
.sh NAME
man *— manual page format
.sh SYNOPSIS
nroff /man/manmac file
.sh DESCRIPTION
...
.sh FILES
/man/man[1-8a-g]/*.[1-8a-g]
.sh "SEE ALSO"
man (I), nroff (I), troff (I),
```

Other macros available are:

```
.lp <permanent indent> <neg. indent of header>
<header terminated by tab character> /* for option lists etc. */
.i0 /*to reset indentation after .lp */
.it <word in italics>
.bd <word in bold face>
.bn <bold word and tab>
.TA <tab settings>
.dt /* to reset tabs */
.fs /* to precede each line with tabs in structure definition */
.cx /* to terminate structure definition */
.sl /* space */
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FILES

man[1-8a-g] are the UNIX and Mert Manual pages in nroff/troff format
/usr/bin/man is the shellfile to implement the man command

SEE ALSO

man (I), nroff (I), troff (I)