

NAME

read, open, onend - sequential file read

SYNOPSIS

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onend [ label ]
open [ fname ]
read
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DESCRIPTION

Within a command file, read accesses data, one line at a time from another file. The read is done sequentially from the beginning of the file.

Open is needed to identify the file to be read. Only one file may be open at any time. Without an argument the standard input is used.

Onend provides a branch to label when the EOF condition is reached on fname. If label is not supplied, a diagnostic is written to the error output, and a null string is sent to the standard output.

FILES**SEE ALSO**

sh (1), goto (1), read (1)

DIAGNOSTICS**BUGS**

Standard Shell syntax is violated to allow pipe and redirected input to take precedence over an open file, which in turn takes precedence over standard Shell input.
Don't try to read a directory file.