

NAME

`pcat` — expand compressed file to standard output

SYNOPSIS

`pcat name ...`

DESCRIPTION

Pcat does for packed files what *cat*(1) does for ordinary files. The specified files are unpacked and written to the standard output. Thus to view a packed file named *name.z* use:

`pcat name.z`

or just:

`pcat name`

To make an unpacked copy, say *nnn*, of a packed file named *name.z* (without destroying *name.z*) use the command:

`pcat name >nnn`

Pcat returns a value that is the number of files it was unable to unpack. Failure may occur if:

- the file name (exclusive of the *.z*) has more than 12 characters;
- the file cannot be opened;
- the file does not appear to be the output of *pack*(1).

SEE ALSO

`pack`(1), `unpack`(1).