

NAME

brotli(1) -- brotli, unbrotli - compress or decompress files

SYNOPSIS

brotli [*OPTION/FILE*]...

unbrotli is equivalent to **brotli --decompress**

DESCRIPTION

brotli is a generic-purpose lossless compression algorithm that compresses data using a combination of a modern variant of the **LZ77** algorithm, Huffman coding and 2-nd order context modeling, with a compression ratio comparable to the best currently available general-purpose compression methods. It is similar in speed with deflate but offers more dense compression.

brotli command line syntax similar to **gzip (1)** and **zstd (1)**. Unlike **gzip (1)**, source files are preserved by default. It is possible to remove them after processing by using the **--rm** *option*.

Arguments that look like "**--name**" or "**--name=value**" are *options*. Every *option* has a short form "**-x**" or "**-x value**". Multiple short form *options* could be coalesced:

⊕ "**--decompress --stdout --suffix=.b**" works the same as

⊕ "**-d -s -S .b**" and

⊕ "**-dsS .b**"

brotli has 3 operation modes:

⊕ default mode is compression;

⊕ **--decompress** option activates decompression mode;

⊕ **--test** option switches to integrity test mode; this option is equivalent to "**--decompress --stdout**" except that the decompressed data is discarded instead of being written to standard output.

Every non-option argument is a *file* entry. If no *files* are given or *file* is "-", **brotli** reads from standard input. All arguments after "--" are *file* entries.

Unless **--stdout** or **--output** is specified, *files* are written to a new file whose name is derived from the source *file* name:

- ⊕ when compressing, a suffix is appended to the source filename to get the target filename
- ⊕ when decompressing, a suffix is removed from the source filename to get the target filename

Default suffix is **.br**, but it could be specified with **--suffix** option.

Conflicting or duplicate *options* are not allowed.

OPTIONS

- ⊕ **-#**: compression level (0-9); bigger values cause denser, but slower compression
- ⊕ **-c, --stdout**: write on standard output
- ⊕ **-d, --decompress**: decompress mode
- ⊕ **-f, --force**: force output file overwrite
- ⊕ **-h, --help**: display this help and exit
- ⊕ **-j, --rm**: remove source file(s); **gzip (1)**-like behaviour
- ⊕ **-k, --keep**: keep source file(s); **zstd (1)**-like behaviour
- ⊕ **-n, --no-copy-stat**: do not copy source file(s) attributes
- ⊕ **-o FILE, --output=FILE** output file; valid only if there is a single input entry
- ⊕ **-q NUM, --quality=NUM**: compression level (0-11); bigger values cause denser, but slower compression
- ⊕ **-t, --test**: test file integrity mode
- ⊕ **-v, --verbose**: increase output verbosity
- ⊕ **-w NUM, --lgwin=NUM**: set LZ77 window size (0, 10-24) (default: 24); window size is **(pow(2, NUM) - 16)**; 0 lets compressor decide over the optimal value; bigger windows size improve density; decoder might require up to window size memory to operate
- ⊕ **-D FILE, --dictionary=FILE**: use FILE as raw (LZ77) dictionary; same dictionary **MUST** be used both for compression and decompression

- ⊕ **-S SUF, --suffix=SUf**: output file suffix (default: **.br**)
- ⊕ **-V, --version**: display version and exit
- ⊕ **-Z, --best**: use best compression level (default); same as "**-q 11**"

SEE ALSO

brotli file format is defined in RFC 7932 (<https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc7932.txt>).

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