

**NAME**

**pwm** - configure PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) hardware

**SYNOPSIS**

**pwm** [-f *device*] -C

**pwm** [-f *device*] [-D | -E] [-I] [-p *period*] [-d *duty*]

**DESCRIPTION**

The **pwm** utility can be used to configure pwm hardware. **pwm** uses a pwmc(4) device to communicate with the hardware. Some PWM hardware supports multiple output channels within a single controller block; each pwmc(4) instance controls a single PWM channel.

pwmc(4) devices are named */dev/pwm/pwmcX.Y*, where *X* is the controller unit number and *Y* is the channel number within that unit.

The options are as follows:

**-f device** Device to operate on. If not specified, */dev/pwm/pwmc0.0* is used. If an unqualified name is provided, */dev/pwm* is automatically prepended.

**-C** Show the configuration of the PWM channel.

**-D** Disable the PWM channel.

**-d duty** Configure the duty cycle (in nanoseconds or percentage) of the PWM channel. Duty is the portion of the *period* during which the signal is asserted.

**-E** Enable the PWM channel.

**-p period**  
Configure the period (in nanoseconds) of the PWM channel.

**-I** Invert PWM signal polarity

**EXAMPLES**

- Show the configuration of the PWM channel:

```
pwm -f /dev/pwm/pwmc0.1 -C
```

- Configure a 50000 ns period and a 25000 ns duty cycle and enable the channel:

```
pwm -f pwmc1.1 -E -p 50000 -d 25000
```

- ◆ Configure a 50% duty cycle on the device and channel which were configured in `pwmc(4)` to have the label *backlight*:

```
pwm -f backlight -d 50%
```

### SEE ALSO

`pwm(9)`, `pwmbus(9)`

### HISTORY

The `pwm` utility appeared in FreeBSD 13.0.

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