

NAME

yes — continually output arguments

SYNOPSIS

yes [*string*]...

DESCRIPTION

Repeatedly writes each *string* (default "y"), separated by a single space (" "), followed by a newline, to the standard output.

EXIT STATUS

1 and a diagnostic is issued if a write error occurred. Does not exit normally.

HISTORY

Appeared, fully formed, in 4BSD as "be repetitively affirmative":

yes [expletive]

And is described in the changelog as "A new command, which is excessively obsequious."

An equivalent implementation appears in AT&T System V Release 4 UNIX.

Multiple *strings* are an extension, originating from the GNU system.

The GNU system ignores the first **-- string**, regardless of position.