

NAME

papersize – specify preferred paper size

SYNOPSIS

`\${prefix}/etc/papersize

DESCRIPTION

The **papersize** file is used to specify the preferred paper size to use by available commands and programs generating documents.

The format of this file is extremely simple: whitespace and anything starting with ‘#’ is ignored, and the name of the paper is the first string found; the case in the name of the paper does not import (see **CAVEATS** section however).

PAPER NAMES

The following names are commonly understood by programs: **a3, a4, a5, b5, letter, legal, executive, note** and **11x17**.

Additional paper names that one may encounter are: **a0, a1, a2, a6, a7, a8, a9, a10, b0, b1, b2, b3, b4, tabloid, statement, note, halfletter, halfexecutive, folio, quarto, ledger, archA, archB, archC, archD, archE, flsa, flse, csheet, dsheet, esheet** and **10x14**.

The value of the **papersize** file can be overridden by looking in order at the **PAPERSIZE** environment variable, then at the contents of the file specified by the **PAPERCONF** environment variable. If the **papersize** file does not exist, programs using the paper library default to using **letter** as a fall-back value

CAVEATS

This manual page documents the format of the **papersize** file that is read by the **libpaper** library. Some programs that read this file do not yet use the library and may have trouble ignoring whitespace and comments in the file; they may also require that the paper names use a specific capitalization.

DOCUMENTATION

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SEE ALSO

paperconf(1)
paperconfig(8)