NAME

tbl – format tables for nroff or troff

SYNOPSIS

tbl [**–me**] [**–mm**] [**–ms**] [*filename*] . . .

AVAILABILITY

SUNWdoc

DESCRIPTION

tbl is a preprocessor for formatting tables for **nroff**(1) or **troff**(1). The input *filename*s are copied to the standard output, except that lines between **.TS** and **.TE** command lines are assumed to describe tables and are reformatted.

If no arguments are given, **tbl** reads the standard input, so **tbl** may be used as a filter. When **tbl** is used with **eqn**(1) or **neqn**, the **tbl** command should be first, to minimize the volume of data passed through pipes.

OPTIONS

–me Copy the **–me** macro package to the front of the output file.

–mm Copy the **–mm** macro package to the front of the output file.

–ms Copy the **–ms** macro package to the front of the output file.

EXAMPLES

As an example, letting '@' (at-sign) represent a TAB, which should be typed as an actual TAB character in the input file

```
.TS
c s s
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l n n.
Household Population
Town@Households
@Number@Size
Bedminster@789@3.26
Bernards Twp.@3087@3.74
Bernardsville@2018@3.30
Bound Brook@3425@3.04
Branchburg@1644@3.49
.TE
```

yields

Household Population		
Town	Households	
	Number	Size
Bedminster	789	3.26
Bernards Twp.	3087	3.74
Bernardsville	2018	3.30
Bound Brook	3425	3.04
Branchburg	1644	3.49

FILES

/usr/share/lib/tmac/e	–me macros
/usr/share/lib/tmac/m	–mm macros
/usr/share/lib/tmac/s	–ms macros

SEE ALSO

eqn(1), **nroff**(1), **troff**(1)