

Re: delete last line

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Jean-Pierre Radley typed (on Fri, Jan 11, 2008 at 12:25:38PM -0500):
| Jeff Hyman typed (on Fri, Jan 11, 2008 at 11:20:40AM -0500):
|| Jean-Pierre Radley typed (on Thu, Jan 10, 2008 at 05:55:06PM -0500):
||| pablo typed (on Thu, Jan 10, 2008 at 02:03:03PM -0800):
|||| how can I delete the last line of a text file from the command line ?
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|||| I mean only last line
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||| sed '\$d' in.file > out.file
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||| --
||| JP
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|| Well... now I'm curious.
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|| How would you delete ONLY the next-to-last line,
|| leaving the previous very last line to replace
|| the space where the next-to-last line was just
|| removed?
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|| Badly phrased question. If you remove a line, there is no "space left
|| behind". There would only be a "space left behind" if you deleted the
|| just the line's visible contents, AKA as blanking the line. When one
|| says remove, one means removing the 'newline' as well, so that there's
|| nothing left at all.
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|| In any case, what you meant to do would want a small modification to what
|| Bill just posted:
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|| ex - filename <<DONE
|| \$
|| -
|| w
|| q
|| DONE
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JP,
We've know each other for a long long time. If you were able

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to "fix" me from making all those typos, confusing explanations, questionable questions, etc, I would have had a sex change and tried to marry you long ago. Please don't mention this to Jane. For those of that don't know me, I'm a mans man, so don't even think about what your thinking <g>.

The one hyphen is the difference between what you posted above and what Bill posted. So, what would be the case if:

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ex - filename <<DONE

\$

- Removes next to last line (from previous post)

- Add another hyphen to rm the next-to-next last line ?

Add 5 more to remove another 5 lines ?

w

q

DONE

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IOW: What if one wanted to remove the last 6 lines, but keep the very last line? I understand if your to busy, but I find this issue really interesting for some reason.

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- Jeff H

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