

**NAME**

readnews - read news articles

**SYNOPSIS**

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readnews [ -a [ date ] ] [ -n newsgroups ] [ -t titles ] [ -lprM ] [ -c
[ "mailer" ] ] [ -s newsgroups ]
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readnews -e [ newsgroups ]
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**DESCRIPTION**

readnews without argument prints unread articles. There are several user interfaces available:

Flag       Interface

default     A `msgs(1)` like interface. The header of each article is printed, and the user is asked if the rest of the article should be printed.

**-M**         An interface to `Mail(1)`. A menu of articles is printed and the user can selectively read them in any order. (This option requires a `Mail` implementing the `-T` option.)

**-c**         A `/bin/mail(1)` like interface. The text of the article is printed, and at the end, the user is prompted for a command.

**-c "mailer"**  
The user can use his favorite mailer to read news. All selected articles written to a temporary file. Then the mailer is invoked. Any `'X'` is substituted with the name of the temporary file. Thus, `"mail -f X"` will invoke mail on a temporary file consisting of all selected messages.

**-p**         All selected articles are sent to the standard output. No questions asked.

**-l**         Only the titles of the selected articles are output.

The `-r` flag causes the articles to be printed in reverse order.

The following flags determine the selection of articles.

**-n newsgroups**  
Select all articles that belongs to `newsgroups`.

**-s newsgroups**  
Same as `-n` except that the mandatory subscription group (usually, `general`) is always selected and the `.newsrc` file is updated (see below).

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- t titles** Select all articles whose titles contain one of the strings specified by titles.
- a [date]** Select all articles (ignore the .newsrc file) that were posted past the given date (in getdate(3) format). If no date is given, the dawn of time is assumed.

readnews maintains a .newsrc file in the user's home directory that specifies all news articles already read. It is updated at the end of each reading session in which the **-a**, **-n**, **-l**, or **-t** options weren't specified.

If the user wishes, he may place an options line in his .newsrc file. This line starts with the word **options** followed by the list of standard options just as they would be typed on the command line. Such a list may include: the **-s** flag along with a newsgroup list; a favorite interface; and/or the **-r** flag.

The **-e** option causes all articles belonging to the specified newsgroups that have expired to be canceled. **NEWSGROUPS** defaults to the local default, usually **all**.

## EXAMPLES

- readnews** Read all unread articles using the `msds(1)` interface. The .newsrc file is updated at the end of the session.
- readnews -c `ed %` -l**  
Invoke the `ed(1)` test editor on a file containing the titles of all unread articles. The .newsrc file is **not** updated at the end of the session.
- readnews -s all !fa.all -M -r**  
Read all unread articles except articles whose newsgroups begin with "fa." via `Mail(1)` in reverse order. The .newsrc file is updated at the end of the session.
- readnews -p >> /usr/spool/mail/myname**  
In effect, mail all recent news to yourself, so that they can be read with your regular electronic mail. This use is discouraged, because it uses extra disk space for the extra copies, and because it does not lock your mailbox.
- readnews -p -n all -a last thursday**  
Print every single article since last Thursday. The .newsrc file is **not** updated at the end of the session.

## FILES

/usr/spool/news/newsgroup/number	News articles
/usr/lib/news/active	Active newsgroups
/usr/lib/news/sys	System subscriptions

Dear Mr. [Name],

I have received your letter of [Date] regarding [Subject].

The information you provided is being reviewed by the appropriate departments.

We will contact you again once a final decision has been reached.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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Example 1: [Text]

Example 2: [Text]

Example 3: [Text]

Example 4: [Text]

Example 5: [Text]

Example 6: [Text]

Example 7: [Text]

Example 8: [Text]

Example 9: [Text]

/usr/lib/news/help  
~/newsrc

Help file for msgs(1) interface  
Options and list of previously read  
articles

**SEE ALSO**

newscheck(1), inews(1), sendnews(1), recnews(1), uurec(1),  
msgs(1), Mail(1), mail(1), getdate(3)

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