

NAME

`resize` – set environment and terminal settings to current `xterm` window size

SYNOPSIS

`resize` [`-v` | `-u` | `-c`] [`-s` [*row col*]]

DESCRIPTION

Resize prints a shell command for setting the appropriate environment variables to indicate the current size of *xterm* window from which the command is run.

Resize determines the command through several steps:

- first, it finds the name of the user's shell program. It uses the **SHELL** variable if set, otherwise it uses the user's data from `/etc/passwd`.
- then it decides whether to use Bourne shell syntax or C-Shell syntax. It uses a built-in table of known shells, which can be overridden by the `-u` and `-c` options.
- then *resize* asks the operating system for the terminal settings. This is the same information which can be manipulated using *stty*.
- then *resize* asks the terminal for its size in characters. Depending on whether the `-s` option is given, *resize* uses a different escape sequence to ask for this information.
- at this point, *resize* attempts to update the terminal settings to reflect the terminal window's size in pixels:
 - if the `-s` option is used, *resize* then asks the terminal for its size in pixels.
 - otherwise, *resize* asks the operating system for the information and updates that after ensuring that the window's dimensions are a multiple of the character height and width.
 - in either case, the updated terminal settings are done using a different system call than used for *stty*.
- then *resize* updates the terminal settings to reflect any altered values such as its size in rows or columns. This affects the values shown by *stty*.
- finally, *resize* generates shell commands for setting the environment variables, and writes that to the standard output.

OPTIONS

The following options may be used with *resize*:

`-c` This option indicates that C shell commands should be generated even if the user's current shell does not appear to use C shell syntax.

`-s` [*rows columns*]

This option indicates that Sun console escape sequences will be used instead of the VT100-style *xterm* escape codes. If *rows* and *columns* are given, *resize* will ask the *xterm* to resize itself using those values.

Both of the escape sequences used for this option (first to obtain the window size and second to modify it) are subject to *xterm*'s **allowWindowOps** resource setting. The window manager may also choose to disallow the change.

The VT100-style escape sequence used to determine the screen size always works for VT100-compatible terminals. VT100s have no corresponding way to modify the screensize.

`-u` This option indicates that Bourne shell commands should be generated even if the user's current shell does not appear to use Bourne shell syntax.

`-v` This causes *resize* to print a version number to the standard output, and then exit.

Note that the Sun console escape sequences are recognized by XFree86 *xterm* and by *dterm*. The *resize* program may be installed as *sunsize*, which causes it to assume the `-s` option.

The *rows* and *columns* arguments must appear last; though they are normally associated with the `-s` option, they are parsed separately.

ENVIRONMENT

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| SHELL | Unless overridden by the <code>-c</code> option, <i>resize</i> determines the user's current shell by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first checking if <code>\$SHELL</code> is set, and using that, • otherwise <i>resize</i> looks in the password file (<i>/etc/passwd</i>). <p>Generally Bourne-shell variants (including <i>ksh</i>) do not modify <code>\$SHELL</code>, so it is possible for <i>resize</i> to be confused if one runs <i>resize</i> from a Bourne shell spawned from a C shell.</p> <p>After determining the user's shell, <i>resize</i> checks the shell's name against a table of known shell names. If it does not find the name in its table, <i>resize</i> will use C shell syntax for the generated commands to set environment variables.</p> |
| TERM | <i>Resize</i> 's generated shell command sets this to "xterm-new" if not already set. |
| TERMCAP | <i>Resize</i> 's generated shell command sets this variable on systems using termcap, e.g., when <i>resize</i> is linked with the <i>termcap</i> library rather than a <i>terminfo</i> library. The latter does not provide the complete text for a termcap entry. |
| COLUMNS, LINES | <i>Resize</i> 's generated shell command sets these variables on systems using terminfo. Many applications (including the curses library) use those variables when set to override their screensize. |

FILES

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| <i>/etc/termcap</i> | for the base termcap entry to modify. |
| <i>~/.cshrc</i> | user's alias for the command. |

EXAMPLES

For *resize*'s output to take effect, *resize* must either be evaluated as part of the command line (usually done with a shell alias or function) or else redirected to a file which can then be read in. From the C shell (usually known as */bin/csh*), the following alias could be defined in the user's *.cshrc*:

```
% alias rs 'set noglob; eval `resize`'
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After resizing the window, the user would type:

```
% rs
```

Users of versions of the Bourne shell (usually known as */bin/sh*) that don't have command functions will need to send the output to a temporary file and then read it back in with the `."` command:

```
$ resize > /tmp/out
$ . /tmp/out
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SEE ALSO

use_env(3x)
csh(1), *stty(1)*, *tset(1)*
xterm(1)