

**NAME**

`deroff` - remove `nroff`, `troff`, `tbl` and `eqn` constructs

**SYNOPSIS**

`deroff` [ `-w` ] file ...

**DESCRIPTION**

*Deroff* reads each file in sequence and removes all *nroff* and *troff* command lines, backslash constructions, macro definitions, (between `.EQ` and `.EN` lines or between delimiters), and table descriptions and writes the remainder on the standard output. *Deroff* follows chains of included files (`.so` and `.nx` commands); if a file has already been included, a `.so` is ignored and a `.nx` terminates execution. If no input file is given, *deroff* reads from the standard input file.

If the `-w` flag is given, the output is a word list, one 'word' (string of letters, digits, and apostrophes, beginning with a letter; apostrophes are removed) per line, and all other characters ignored. Otherwise, the output follows the original, with the deletions mentioned above.

**SEE ALSO**

`nroff(1)`, `eqn(1)`, `tbl(1)`