

## NAME

podchecker - check the syntax of POD format documentation files

## SYNOPSIS

podchecker [-help] [-man] [-(no)warnings] [*file* ...]

## OPTIONS AND ARGUMENTS

**-help**

Print a brief help message and exit.

**-man**

Print the manual page and exit.

**-warnings -nowarnings**

Turn on/off printing of warnings. Repeating **-warnings** increases the warning level, i.e. more warnings are printed. Currently increasing to level two causes flagging of unescaped "<,>" characters.

*file*

The pathname of a POD file to syntax-check (defaults to standard input).

## DESCRIPTION

**podchecker** will read the given input files looking for POD syntax errors in the POD documentation and will print any errors it find to STDERR. At the end, it will print a status message indicating the number of errors found.

Directories are ignored, an appropriate warning message is printed.

**podchecker** invokes the **podchecker()** function exported by **Pod::Checker**. Please see "*podchecker()*" in *Pod::Checker* for more details.

## RETURN VALUE

**podchecker** returns a 0 (zero) exit status if all specified POD files are ok.

## ERRORS

**podchecker** returns the exit status 1 if at least one of the given POD files has syntax errors.

The status 2 indicates that at least one of the specified files does not contain *any* POD commands.

Status 1 overrides status 2. If you want unambiguous results, call **podchecker** with one single argument only.

## SEE ALSO

*Pod::Parser* and *Pod::Checker*

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