

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* writes the shell command for setting the environment variables to the standard output.

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`'
```

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
```

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 is not `/bin/csh`.
- `-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 is not */bin/sh*.
- 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.

FILES

- /etc/termcap* for the base termcap entry to modify.
- ~/.cshrc* user's alias for the command.

ENVIRONMENT

SHELL *Resize* determines the user's current shell by first checking if **\$SHELL** is set, and using that. Otherwise it determines the user's shell by looking in the password file (*/etc/passwd*). Generally Bourne-shell variants (including *ksh*) do not modify **\$SHELL**, so it is possible for *resize* to be confused if one runs *resize* from a Bourne shell spawned from a C shell.

TERM *Resize* sets this to "xterm-new" if not already set.

TERMCAP *Resize* sets this variable on systems using termcap, e.g., when *resize* is linked with the *termcap* library rather than a *terminfo* library. The latter does not provide the complete text for a termcap entry.

COLUMNS, LINES

Resize sets these variables on systems using *terminfo*. Many applications (including the *curses* library) use those variables when set to override their screensize.

SEE ALSO

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

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