
em Documentation

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Contents

em is a terminal tool that prints FILE(s), or standard input to standard output and highlights the expressions that are matched the PATTERN.

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igor at hp in :~/devel/em on git:master workon em
$ tail setup.py | em 'license' yellow -i | em 'Linux' green
    'License :: OSI Approved :: BSD License',
    'Programming Language :: Python',
    'Programming Language :: Python :: 2',
    'Programming Language :: Python :: 2.7',
    'Programming Language :: Python :: 3',
    'Programming Language :: Python :: 3.2',
    'Programming Language :: Python :: 3.3',
],
platforms=['Linux', 'MacOS', 'Unix']
)
```

The expression will be highlighted iff the terminal is ANSI-compatible. This criterion is met by most popular terminal emulators on Linux, Unix and MacOS.

Installation

You will need Python 2.7, 3.2 or above to get started. If you already have it, feel free to install em through pip util:

```
$ (sudo) pip install em
```


Quickstart

em is cool and easy to use. The most practical usecase for me:

```
$ tail -f /path/to/log | em "ERROR" red | em "iphone:" green
```

The example above highlights all occurrences of «ERROR» in red and all occurrences of «iphone:» in green when watching the log.

But you can use em in the following way:

```
$ em "ERROR|CRITICAL" red /path/to/log
```

which prints the log and highlights all occurrences of «ERROR» or «CRITICAL» in red.

Options

Here is a command line interface of em:

```
usage: em [-h] [-i] [-l] [-s] [--version] PATTERN FORMAT [FILE [FILE ...]]  
  
em program is a terminal tool that prints FILE(s), or standard input to  
standard output and highlights the expressions that are matched the PATTERN.  
  
positional arguments:  
  PATTERN          a pattern to highlight  
  FORMAT           a color to highlight matched expressions  
  FILE             search for pattern in these file(s)  
  
optional arguments:  
  -h, --help        show this help message and exit  
  -i, --ignore-case ignore case distinctions  
  -l, --line-mode   highlight entire line  
  -s, --safe-mode   highlight only when stdout refers to tty  
  --version         show program's version number and exit
```

With no FILE, or when FILE is -, read standard input. The FORMAT option must be one of: BOLD, UNDERLINE, GREY, RED, GREEN, YELLOW, BLUE, MAGENTA, CYAN or WHITE.

The CLI is clear, so I don't need to comment. :)