

## NAME

Text::Tabs -- expand and unexpand tabs per the unix `expand(1)` and `unexpand(1)`

## SYNOPSIS

```
use Text::Tabs;

$tabstop = 4; # default = 8
@lines_without_tabs = expand(@lines_with_tabs);
@lines_with_tabs = unexpand(@lines_without_tabs);
```

## DESCRIPTION

Text::Tabs does about what the unix utilities `expand(1)` and `unexpand(1)` do. Given a line with tabs in it, `expand` will replace the tabs with the appropriate number of spaces. Given a line with or without tabs in it, `unexpand` will add tabs when it can save bytes by doing so (just like `unexpand -a`). Invisible compression with plain ASCII!

## EXAMPLE

```
#!/perl
# unexpand -a
use Text::Tabs;

while (<>) {
    print unexpand $_;
}
```

Instead of the `expand` command, use:

```
perl -MText::Tabs -n -e 'print expand $_'
```

Instead of the `unexpand -a` command, use:

```
perl -MText::Tabs -n -e 'print unexpand $_'
```

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