

**NAME**

readlink – resolve shell shortcuts

**SYNOPSIS**

**readlink** *link\_file*]

**DESCRIPTION**

*Readlink* will resolve Windows shell links (shortcuts). Its single mandatory argument must be a Windows shortcut. *Readlink* will resolve the shortcut's target and display it on its standard output. Note that if a shortcut's target is changed (moved, renamed, deleted) Windows will attempt to locate the file using a set of heuristics. As *readlink* uses the Windows API for resolving shortcuts it will also try to locate targets. provided text-based access to the Windows registry.

**OPTIONS**

None.

**EXAMPLE**

readlink shortcut.lnk  
will display the shortcut's target file.

**SEE ALSO**

D. Spinellis. Outwit: Unix tool-based programming meets the Windows world. In *USENIX 2000 Technical Conference Proceedings*, pages 149-158, San Diego, CA, USA, June 2000, USENIX Association.

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**BUGS**

Links to special Windows folders will produce no output.