

ATOM	3000	N	GLU	A	476	22.858	22.742	68.556	1.00	18.28	N
ATOM	3001	CA	GLU	A	476	23.317	24.142	68.341	1.00	19.70	C
ATOM	3002	C	GLU	A	476	23.448	24.933	69.624	1.00	19.59	C
ATOM	3003	O	GLU	A	476	23.266	24.315	70.692	1.00	22.22	O
ATOM	3004	CB	GLU	A	476	22.365	24.792	67.378	1.00	19.67	C
ATOM	3005	CG	GLU	A	476	22.258	24.022	66.051	1.00	24.41	C
ATOM	3006	CD	GLU	A	476	21.290	24.685	65.070	1.00	29.08	C
ATOM	3007	OE1	GLU	A	476	20.739	25.795	65.399	1.00	26.35	O
ATOM	3008	OE2	GLU	A	476	21.098	24.083	63.986	1.00	25.46	O
TER	3009		GLU	A	476						
ATOM	3010	N	ARG	B1088		18.074	-27.415	76.667	1.00	36.00	N
ATOM	3011	CA	ARG	B1088		17.910	-28.872	76.893	1.00	35.83	C
ATOM	3012	C	ARG	B1088		16.621	-29.427	76.231	1.00	34.86	C
ATOM	3013	O	ARG	B1088		16.738	-30.301	75.374	1.00	34.88	O
ATOM	3014	CB	ARG	B1088		18.027	-29.222	78.408	1.00	37.05	C
ATOM	3015	CG	ARG	B1088		17.542	-30.704	78.866	1.00	41.16	C
ATOM	3016	CD	ARG	B1088		18.655	-31.754	79.141	1.00	50.40	C
ATOM	3017	NE	ARG	B1088		19.542	-31.812	77.975	1.00	55.88	N
ATOM	3018	CZ	ARG	B1088		20.610	-31.016	77.814	1.00	61.76	C
ATOM	3019	NH1	ARG	B1088		20.940	-30.126	78.771	1.00	61.49	N
ATOM	3020	NH2	ARG	B1088		21.350	-31.097	76.703	1.00	63.30	N
ATOM	3021	N	THR	B1089		15.419	-28.921	76.597	1.00	32.94	N
ATOM	3022	CA	THR	B1089		14.115	-29.495	76.160	1.00	30.55	C
ATOM	3023	C	THR	B1089		12.918	-28.505	75.897	1.00	28.62	C
ATOM	3024	O	THR	B1089		12.890	-27.342	76.457	1.00	27.19	O
ATOM	3025	CB	THR	B1089		13.703	-30.586	77.176	1.00	32.46	C

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### NAME

stripPDB (version 1.0.2) -- a PDB filter to strip specified atoms

### SYNOPSIS

stripPDB [options]

CHARACTER OPTION	KEYWORD OPTION	DESCRIPTION	DEFAULT
-i <filename> ...	--input=<filename> ....	input PDB file .....	stdin
-o <filename> ...	--output=<filename> ...	output PDB file .....	stdout
-m <model#> .....	--model=<model#> .....	MODEL number of input PDB file ... first model	
-r <remove_str> .	--remove=<remove_str> .	remove atoms w/specific chain IDs. no action <remove_str> is either: <chain_ids> (simple list of chain IDs w/no unquoted ';' or ',') or: [[c],[r],[a];]+ (triplet list of chain ID, residue #, atom #)	
-t .....	--hetatms .....	remove all HETATMs .....	no action
-w .....	--water .....	remove all HETATM water atoms ....	no action
-y .....	--hydrogen .....	remove all HETATM hydrogen atoms .	no action
-h .....	--help .....	prints help (Enter 'stripPDB -h' for more help!)	
<NO OPTIONS> .....		shorter option synopsis (Enter 'stripPDB'.)	
	--license .....	prints license terms for stripPDB.	

### DESCRIPTION

stripPDB removes specified atoms from an input PDB file and writes a new output PDB file.

stripPDB will process one (possibly implied) MODEL from the input PDB file. The output PDB file will contain: (i) the header records from the input file, (ii) additional REMARK header records summarizing stripPDB execution, (iii) all the records from a single specific MODEL with the exception of any ATOM, HETATOM, and TER records that match removal criteria, (iv) any CONECT records that reference output records, and (v) a final END record. Records of any other existing MODEL sections, and their associated CONECT records, will be removed. CONECT records will be updated to reflect removed records.

The input file is expected to be in PDB format. Option '--input=' ('-i') specifies the input filename. If option '--input=' ('-i') is not present, input will be read from stdin.

By default, the first MODEL (perhaps implicit if no MODEL records exist) from each input file is processed. Option '--model=' ('-m') may be used to specify the MODEL number of the input file to process.

Option '--output=' ('-o') specifies the output filename. If option '--output=' ('-o') is not present, output will be written to stdout.

Option '--hetatms' ('-t') specifies that all HETATM records are to be removed.

Option '--water' ('-w') specifies that all HETATM records that are also water atoms (hydrogen or oxygen) are to be removed. Water atoms are defined as HETATM records that have a Residue Name value of "HOH".

Option '--hydrogen' ('-y') specifies that all HETATM records that are also hydrogen atoms (regardless of whether they are part of water) are to be removed.

If the option '--remove=' ('-r') is present, then any ATOM, HETATOM, and TER record having content that matches the target specification of the '--remove=' ('-r') option value will be removed. The '--remove=' ('-r') option value is either a simple list of chain identifiers ("Simple List Format") or it is a list of triplets that allow chain identifiers, residue sequence numbers, and atom serial numbers to be used to specify matching record targets ("Triplet List Format").

#### Simple List Format

The Simple List Format of the '--remove=' ('-r') option value is a character string of chain identifiers. This character string can be any size and can contain any non-NUL character. If this character string starts and ends with either a single quote ('') or a double quote (''), then these quotes will be treated as string delimiters and not as chain identifiers. When quotes are intended to be used as chain identifiers, then the quote characters must be preceded with a single backslash character ('\'). This character string may not contain semicolons (';') or commas (',') unless the semicolons and commas are preceeded with a backslash (e.g., '\;'); semicolons and commas not quoted by a backslash will cause the '--remove=' ('-r') option value to be interpreted as a Triplet List Format. Two consecutive backslashes ('\\') are used when the backslash character ('\') is intended to be used as a chain identifier (i.e., the backslash character that is the chain identifier gets quoted with a backslash).

Examples of the Simple List Format follow:

Terse option	Keyword option	Description
-r ABC	--remove=ABC	chain IDs 'A','B','C'
-r 'ABC XYZ'	--remove='ABC XYZ'	chain IDs 'A','B','C',' ','X','Y','Z'
-r "ABC AAA"	--remove="ABC AAA"	chain IDs 'A','B','C',' ','A','A','A'

Note that a single quote ('') or a double quote ("") may be used to delimit an option value. The '--remove=' ('-r') option values shown above are quoted in order to specify that a space (' ') be used as a character identifier.

Note that use of the hyphen character ('-') in the Simple List Format will be interpreted as the value of a chain identifier. See "Triplet List Format" below for range specifications.

#### Triplet List Format

The Triplet List Format of the '--remove=' ('-r') option value allows records to be specified for removal by presence of chain identifier, residue sequence number, and atom serial number. This triplet list is defined as a semicolon-delimited list of triplets, where each triplet consists of three comma-delimited fields:

chain identifier, residue sequence number, atom serial number

Any of the '--remove=' ('-r') triplet fields may optionally have a range specification in one of the following formats:

Format	Examples	Description
<lower_limit> - <upper_limit>	A-Z 107-200	Matches any value in between and including lower limit and upper limit.
- <upper_limit>	-Z -200	Matches any value lower than and including upper limit.
<lower_limit> -	A- 107-	Matches any value higher than and including lower limit.

Any of the '--remove=' ('-r') triplet fields may have a null value (i.e., an empty field). Null-valued triplet fields will match any record value of that field type. A PDB record has to match all non-null fields in a triplet in order for record removal.

Comma delimiters need only be supplied as needed to specify a field index. Semicolon delimiters are required with the exception of the last semicolon, which is optional.

Examples of the triplet list format follow:

Terse option	Keyword option	Description
-r 'A;B;C;'	--remove='A;B;C;'	chain IDs (any residue # and any atom #)
-r 'A;B;C'	--remove='A;B;C'	chain IDs (any residue # and any atom #)
-r 'A;B;C; ;X;Y;Z'	--remove='A;B;C; ;X;Y;Z'	chain IDs (any residue # and any atom #)
-r "A;B;C; ;A;A;A"	--remove="A;B;C; ;A;A;A"	chain IDs (any residue # and any atom #)
-r "A,,,;"	--remove="A,,,;"	chain ID 'A' (any residue # and any atom #)
-r "A,35,;"	--remove="A,35,;"	residue 35 of chain ID 'A' (with any atom #)
-r "A,35,293;"	--remove="A,35,293;"	atom 293 of residue 35 of chain ID 'A'
-r ",35,;"	--remove=",35,;"	residue 35 (any chain ID and any atom #)
-r ",,293;"	--remove=",,293;"	atom 293 (any chain ID and any residue #)
-r "A,,,;35,;,293;"	--remove="A,,,;35,;,293;"	three triplets with complete delimiters
-r "A;,35,,,293"	--remove="A;,35,,,293"	three triplets with necessary delimiters
-r ",-78;,110-;"	--remove=",,78;,110-;"	all residue #s except 79 through 109

Notes for both Simple List Format and Triplet List Format

The '--remove=' ('-r') target specification consists of single characters (representing chain identifiers) for the Simple List Format and triplets (providing more flexible specifications) for the Triplet List Format.

Chain identifiers, specified in '--remove=' ('-r') option values, can be any non-NUL character. If semicolons (';'), commas (','), backslashes ('\'), or option value quotes (''' or ''') are used as chain identifier values in any '--remove=' ('-r') option value, then these characters need to be preceded with two consecutive backslashes ('\\').

As the unix shell interprets semicolons (';') as command line separators, command line option values containing semicolons (';') are best handled by quoting the entire option value with either single quotes (') or double quotes ("").

New "REMARK 250" lines will be added to the output PDB specifying execution details.

By default, no PDB records are altered or removed. Options '--hetatms' ('-t'), '--water' ('-w'), '--hydrogen' ('-y'), or '--remove=' ('-r') all independently specify PDB records to be removed (i.e., any record specified to be removed by any of these options will be removed regardless of the use or value of any other option.) If no removal options are provided, then stripPDB will make a copy of the entire PDB (including all MODELS).

Any errors and warnings will be written to stderr.

## EXAMPLE

The following will remove all HETATM records (and any associated CONECT records) from 'in.pdb'. The file 'out.pdb' will be created.

With keyword options:

```
stripPDB --input=in.pdb --output=out.pdb --hetatms
```

With character options:

```
stripPDB -i in.pdb -o out.pdb -t
```

The following will remove all records (and any associated CONECT records) from 'in.pdb' that contain either 'P' or 'Q' as a chain identifier.

The file 'out.pdb' will be created.

With keyword options:

```
stripPDB --input=in.pdb --output=out.pdb --remove=PQ
```

With character options:

```
stripPDB -i in.pdb -o out.pdb -r PQ
```

The following will remove all records (and any associated CONECT records) from 'in.pdb' that contain either 'P' or 'Q' or space (' ') as a chain identifier.

The file 'out.pdb' will be created.

With keyword options:

```
stripPDB --input=in.pdb --output=out.pdb --remove="PQ "
```

With character options:

```
stripPDB -i in.pdb -o out.pdb -r "PQ "
```

With keyword options in a Triplet List Format:

```
stripPDB --input=in.pdb --output=out.pdb --remove="P;Q; ;"
```

With character options in a Triplet List Format:

```
stripPDB -i in.pdb -o out.pdb -r "P;Q; ;"
```

The following will remove all records (and any associated CONECT records) from 'in.pdb' that contain both the chain identifier 'A' and the residue number 36.

With keyword options:

```
stripPDB --input=in.pdb --output=out.pdb --remove="A,36"
```

With character options:

```
stripPDB -i in.pdb -o out.pdb -r "A,36"
```

The following will remove all records (and any associated CONECT records) from 'in.pdb' that contain the residue sequence number 35 (and any chain identifier).

With keyword options:

```
stripPDB --input=in.pdb --output=out.pdb --remove=",35"
```

With character options:

```
stripPDB -i in.pdb -o out.pdb -r ",35"
```

The following will remove all records (and any associated CONECT records) from 'in.pdb' having the atom serial number 293 (regardless of chain identifier or residue number).

With keyword options:

```
stripPDB --input=in.pdb --output=out.pdb --remove=",,293"
```

With character options:

```
stripPDB -i in.pdb -o out.pdb -r ",,293"
```

The following will remove only the record(s) (and any associated CONECT records) from 'in.pdb' that contains all of: chain identifier 'A', residue sequence number 35, and atom serial number 293.

With keyword options:

```
stripPDB --input=in.pdb --output=out.pdb --remove="A,35,293"
```

With character options:

```
stripPDB -i in.pdb -o out.pdb -r "A,35,293"
```

The following will remove all the ATOM, HETATM, or TER records having:

chain identifier A, or  
chain identifier B, or  
both chain identifier C and a residue sequence number >= 1 and <= 49, or  
both chain identifier C and a residue sequence number >= 63, or  
chain identifier D.

With keyword options:

```
stripPDB --input=1BBT.pdb --output=temp1.pdb --from="A;B;C,1-49;C,63-;D;"
```

With character options:

```
stripPDB -i 1BBT.pdb -o temp1.pdb -f "A;B;C,1-49;C,63-;D;"
```

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