

# GNV

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## Read First Before Installing

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This document describes the features and functionality provided with the OpenVMS GNV software. It explains how to install, setup, and use the software on your OpenVMS system.

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# Preface

This document includes information about the GNU's Not VMS (GNV) software, including:

- Features and functionality
- Utilities provided with the software
- Installation and setup instructions
- Differences between the OpenVMS GNV utilities and their counterparts on UNIX systems
- GNV Version 3.0-1 packages upgrade and version difference
- Reporting problems
- Documentation provided with the GNV software
- Sources of information on the Internet

## Conventions Used in This Document

OpenVMS utilities, commands, file names, and directory names are shown in uppercase text, while UNIX utilities, commands, file names, and directory names are shown in lowercase text. If you are reading this documentation in an output format other than text (.TXT) — such as in PostScript or HTML output — UNIX utilities, commands, file names, and directory names are shown in monospace text.

The following additional conventions are used in this document.

Convention	Meaning
<i>Italic</i> <sup>1</sup>	Italic typeface indicates a place holder for information or parameters that you must provide. For example, if the procedure asks you to type <i>file name</i> , you must type the actual name of a file. Italic type also indicates titles of other documentation referenced.
monospace <sup>1</sup>	Monospace typeface indicates code examples, command examples, and interactive or system screen displays. In text, this type face indicates UNIX commands that you enter.
Ctrl/x	While you hold down the Ctrl key, press another key or a pointing device button.

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# 1 GNV Version 3.0-1 Requirements

## 1.1 Software Requirements

The software requirements for GNV are:

- OpenVMS Alpha Version 8.3 or later
- OpenVMS Integrity servers Version 8.3-1H1 or later

## 1.2 Disk Space Requirements

GNV must be installed only on ODS-5 disks. It requires approximately 400 MB disk space for installation on both OpenVMS Alpha and OpenVMS Integrity servers.

# 2 New Features in GNV Version 3.0-1

- GNV Version 3.0-1 packages — In GNV Version 3.0-1, 16 packages are upgraded to the latest GNU level out of 24 total packages. The remaining eight packages are not upgraded from GNV version 2.1-3.
- GNU tar (gnutar) — tar invokes the gnutar not the VMSTAR, as the most common usage is for OpenSource tarballs. To invoke VMSTAR, use VMSTAR keyword instead of tar.

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**Note**

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This release retains gnutar binary compatibility with any scripts that currently uses gnutar.

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- Build — Complete GNV build areas are packaged into the PCSI kit as backup saveset (GNV\_SOURCE.BCK).

# 3 New Features in GNV Version 2.1-3

No new features have been added to GNV for Version 2.1-3.

# 4 New Features in GNV Version 2.1-2

The main change in Version 2.1-2 is removal of several installation problems.

- Installation — Changed default to omitting automatic creation of mount points for all disks.
- Installation — Configuration files created at installation time include the architecture name in the file name to avoid conflicts in heterogeneous clusters.

# 5 New Features in GNV Version 2.1

The main change in Version 2.1 is support of the symlink capability that has been added to RMS in OpenVMS. Other minor bugs have been fixed as well.

- Installation — Improved stability in setting up the default mount points for existing disk devices.
- ln -s — Now makes an actual symbolic link in the RMS file creates. This is enabled by new features in RMS on OpenVMS Version 8.3.

- `mnt` — Has improved record-keeping for reporting the mount points.
- `bash` — Command recall now generally works, at least if the terminal width is 80.
- `cc` — Improvements in the `cc` wrapper.

## 6 New Features in GNV Version 1.6

Several new UNIX utilities have been added in GNV Version 1.6.

- `du` — Displays disk usage, including the size of directories in the current or specified directory. The utility recursively displays the sizes of all subdirectories. The size listed for a directory denotes the total size of all files within that directory.

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### Note

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On an OpenVMS system, the size displayed by `du` represents only the highest generation of each of the files in the directory.

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By showing all directories in a directory tree, `du` allows a user to easily assess how disk space is being used.

For more information, type:

```
bash$ du --help
```

or

```
bash$ man du
```

- `printenv` — Displays an environment variable. If no argument is present, displays all environment variables.

For more information, type:

```
bash$ printenv --help
```

or

```
bash$ man printenv
```

- `env` — Runs a program in a modified environment.

As with the `printenv` command, specifying the `env` command with no argument will display the set of environment variables. More importantly, you may specify one or more environment variables, and run a program with those variables set. The values of those variables stay in effect only for the duration of that program.

For more information, type:

```
bash$ env --help
```

or

```
bash$ man env
```

- `which` — Displays the location (path) of the specified utility. When you type a command to `bash` that is not a `bash` "internal" command, `BASH` searches for the executable for the command in the default path (environment variable `PATH`). The `which` utility indicates where in the path the executable for that command is found.



For more information, type:

```
bash$ which --help
```

or

```
bash$ man which
```

- **GNU tar (gnutar)** — Most UNIX systems include a tar utility. Many Linux® systems ship GNU tar. Traditionally, GNV has included VMSTAR, which is a tar look-alike written for OpenVMS. Because GNU tar has more capabilities than VMSTAR, it has been ported to OpenVMS for use with GNV.

GNU tar is especially useful for reading OpenSource tarballs, which are often shipped compressed as GZIP files. Using VMSTAR, the tarball must be decompressed prior to reading with tar. For very large tarballs, this process can be time-consuming. GNU tar allows you to read tarballs compressed with either gzip or bzip2 in-line. That is, you need not decompress them in a separate command.

For example:

```
bash$ gnutar -xzf gnutar.tar.gz
```

The current GNV kit includes both the new GNU tar image and the older VMSTAR. In this kit, the tar command still invokes VMSTAR. To run the new GNU tar, type gnutar as shown in the preceding example.

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### Caveats

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HP recommends using tar (either tar (VMSTAR) or gnutar (GNU tar)) for reading OpenSource tarballs. You can also use tar to save files on your OpenVMS system to a tarball. However, this works well only for UNIX-style files. The tar utility works especially well for stream\_LF files, either copied from UNIX or GNU systems, or created by UNIX programs with C Run-Time Library functions.

The tar utility does not work well on some other OpenVMS file types. It can successfully copy variable-length text files; however, it corrupts other types of variable-length files. tar corrupts object files generated by compilers.

When a variable-length text file is written to a tarball and then restored to a directory on OpenVMS, the result is a stream\_LF file with the same text contents as the original. This might not be suitable for some applications.

Be very careful when using tar to back up non-stream\_LF files. This warning applies especially to GNU tar, but can also apply to VMSTAR.

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### Note about Image Names

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In this release of GNV, the new GNU tar utility is invoked by typing gnutar in the command line. Typing tar in the command line invokes VMSTAR.

For more information, type:

```
bash$ gnutar --help
```

or

```
bash$ man gnutar
```

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- g++ added to GNV wrapper

The wrapper utility processes UNIX-style compile and link (and related) commands. It reads commands such as the UNIX `cc` command and invokes the appropriate OpenVMS DCL command.

For this release, `g++` has been added as a synonym for `cxx`. This matches the `gcc` command to invoke the C++ compiler.

## 7 Overview of GNV Features and Functionality

The GNV software provides an open source, GNU-based, UNIX environment for OpenVMS. It provides UNIX application developers, system managers, and users a UNIX-style environment so that they can easily develop and port UNIX software to OpenVMS. (GNU is a UNIX-like operating system that is free software. Linux is basically a GNU system: the system is GNU, while the kernel is Linux.)

GNV provides a UNIX-like shell (command-line interpreter) environment and a C Run-Time Library (CRTL) supplemental library to provide utilities typically found on UNIX systems. The shell used by GNV is `bash` (Bourne-Again SHell, from GNU, using the POSIX.2 specification).

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### Note

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To the normal user, `bash` performs like a command-line interpreter; however, it is not a replacement for the OpenVMS DCL (DIGITAL command language) command-line interpreter.

GNV for OpenVMS is a port of a series of GNU software intended for UNIX-like systems to OpenVMS. It is offered for your use under the terms and conditions of a GNU General Public License (GPL). You can see the latest GPL at the following location:

<http://www.opensource.org/licenses/gpl-license.html>

Several copies of the GPL are also included with the GNV kit. After you install the kit, you can find these copies in any of several directories, in a file named `COPYING.`; as in the following example, in OpenVMS terminology:

```
GNU: [SRC.GNV.FINDUTILS]COPYING.
```

Or, in UNIX terminology:

```
/gnu/src/gnv/findutils/copying.
```

OpenVMS engineering is very interested in your experiences using the port of the GNU software to OpenVMS and encourages all customers to report problems and issues. Your feedback can help us enhance future versions of the GNV software for OpenVMS. For information on reporting problems, see Section 15.

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## 7.1 Using GNV Utilities from DCL

It has come to our attention that some users like to run GNV utilities from the DCL prompt rather than from within bash. While this may work in many cases, HP does not support this method and does not guarantee that the utilities will work as expected. Most noticeably effected will be use of wildcards, which must be processed by bash. They will not work when a GNV utility is run from DCL. The following example illustrates the inconsistency of results obtained when running ls from the DCL prompt:

```
$ ls
A          PRINT_ENV.C  T.C      TEST.H    TEST_FWRITE.C  test
HELLO.C   SLEEP.C      TEST.C   TEST.H-GZ  t.t.t.t.t

$ ls *.c
/VMS$COMMON/GNV/bin/LS.EXE: *.c: no such file or directory

$ ls *.C
/VMS$COMMON/GNV/bin/LS.EXE: *.c: no such file or directory
$
```

## 7.2 ODS-5 Requirement

ODS-5 disks allow use of files with extended file names, including most UNIX style filenames. Such file names are common in Open Source software. GNV includes mostly ported Open Source (or free software) code, and as such contains numerous files with UNIX style file names.

While it may be possible to install GNV (or at least portions of GNV) on ODS-2 disks, HP recommends that you install GNV on an ODS-5 disk. Installing GNV on an ODS-2 disk is likely to result in numerous installation warning and error messages. GNV has been tested primarily on an ODS-5 disk. HP does not guarantee the functionality of GNV on an ODS-2 disk.

Likewise, you can operate GNV on an ODS-2 disk, but some file naming features will not be usable on such a disk. You will not be able to make use of case-sensitive file names or file names with special characters, such as multiple dots, which are so common in UNIX environments.

## 8 Utilities Provided with GNV

This section lists the UNIX utilities provided with GNV and describes any differences observed between the utilities as used on OpenVMS systems and the counterparts as used on UNIX systems.

### 8.1 UNIX Utilities Provided for OpenVMS

Table 1 lists the utilities provided with GNV on OpenVMS. Included for some of the listed utilities are OpenVMS command equivalents as well as behaviors that vary from expected behavior on a UNIX system. HP does not guarantee that all variances have been observed and documented.

**Table 1 GNV Utilities**

<b>Utility</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments/Exceptions</b>
<b>General Purpose Utilities</b>		
basename	Returns actual base file name when given a path.	
bash	Invokes bash shell.	
bind	Equates a key sequence to a function.	
cd	Changes the current working directory.	OpenVMS DCL SET DEFAULT
date	Displays current date and time.	OpenVMS DCL SHOW TIME
dirs	Displays a list of currently remembered directories.	
env	Run program with modified environment.	
exit	Terminates the shell.	
help	Provides explanatory text about bash internal commands and features.	
history	Displays the list of previously executed commands.	OpenVMS DCL RECALL
hostname	Sets or displays name of current host system.	
id	Displays the current user and group IDs and names.	
logout	Logs out of the shell.	
popd	Modifies the current directory stack.	
printenv	Displays environment variables	OpenVMS DCL SHOW SYMBOL or SHOW LOGICAL
ps	Displays status of system processes.	OpenVMS DCL SHOW SYSTEM or SHOW PROCESS/SUBPROCESS
pushd	Modifies the current directory stack.	
pwd	Displays the current working directory.	OpenVMS DCL SHOW DEFAULT
sh	Invokes a shell.	
sleep	Pauses for a specified time.	OpenVMS WAIT
tee	Sends output to multiple destinations.	
times	Displays user and system times.	
uname	Displays the name of the system.	
wait	Waits for background processes to complete.	
which	Displays path of a command executable or utility.	

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**Table 1 (Cont.) GNV Utilities**

<b>Utility</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments/Exceptions</b>
<b>Command Manipulation</b>		
alias	Provides command name translation.	Similar to the OpenVMS DCL line: \$ symbol [=] "string" see unalias
break	Terminates a loop in the shell.	
builtin	Runs a shell built-in.	
case	Executes commands selectively.	
command	Executes a simple command.	
continue	Resumes execution at the top of a loop.	
declare	Declares variables and their attributes.	
echo	Echoes input to standard output.	Similar to OpenVMS DCL line: \$ WRITE SYS\$OUTPUT
enable	Enables or disables built-in shell commands.	
eval	Constructs a command.	
exec	Executes commands outside of the current shell.	
export	Sets the export attributes.	
expr	Reads an expression, evaluates it, and writes the result to standard output.	
false	Returns a nonzero exit value.	See true
for	Executes a command in a loop.	
function	Creates a simple command.	
getopts	Gets input options.	
hash	Provides direct access to utilities.	
if	Executes commands selectively.	
let	Evaluates arithmetic expressions.	
local	Creates a local variable.	
read	Reads a line from standard input.	OpenVMS DCL READ
readonly	Sets the readonly attribute on shell variables or functions.	
return	Returns from the current shell function.	
select	Processes commands selectively.	
set	Sets shell flags and positional parameters.	
shift	Shifts positional parameters.	
source	Executes commands from a file.	
test	Evaluates an expression.	
trap	Intercepts exception conditions.	
true	Returns a zero exit value.	
type	Displays command information.	

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**Table 1 (Cont.) GNV Utilities**

typeset	Assigns attributes and values to variable.	
unalias	Removes command name translation.	OpenVMS DCL DELETE/SYMBOL; see alias
unset	Unsets values and attributes of variables and functions.	
until	Executes commands in a loop until a condition is reached.	
while	Executes commands in a loop until a condition is reached.	

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**Program Creation**

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cc	Compile links; invokes C compiler.	DECC must be installed
cxx	Compiles links; invokes C++ compiler.	CXX must be installed
gcc	Compiles links; invokes C/C++ compiler.	DECC must be installed
g++	Compiles links; invokes C++ compiler.	CXX must be installed
as	Assembler.	
ld	Invokes the linker.	
make	Builds programs. Maintains up-to-date versions of target files and performs shell commands.	Similar to MMS (Module Management System).

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**User-Level Administration**

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chmod	Changes file permissions.	OpenVMS DCL SET SECURITY or SET PROTECTION
chown	Changes owner of a file.	OpenVMS DCL SET FILE/OWNER
df	Displays amount of free disk space in a system.	OpenVMS DCL SHOW DEVICE/FULL
share	Displays list of NFS shares.	
touch	Updates the access and modification dates of a file.	
ulimit	Displays and sets file size limit.	
umask	Displays and sets the file creation mask.	

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**System-Level Administration**

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chgrp	Changes group ownership.	OpenVMS DCL SET ACL
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**Table 1 (Cont.) GNV Utilities**

Utility	Description	Comments/Exceptions
<b>File Manipulation</b>		
ar	Archives files.	OpenVMS LIBRARY
bzip2	Compress/Decompress a file.	
cat	Concatenates files; displays or prints files.	OpenVMS DCL TYPE; see head, more
cksum	Displays checksum and byte count of a file.	See sum
cmp	Compares two files, showing first difference only (for a quick check).	OpenVMS DCL DIFFERENCE; see comm, diff
comm	Compares two sorted text files; output is three columns showing (1) lines in <i>file1</i> only, (2) lines in <i>file2</i> only, (3) lines common to both files.	See cmp, diff
cp	Copies files to a new destination.	OpenVMS DCL COPY
csplit	Splits a file into new files containing segments of the original file.	
diff	Compares two files, showing all differences.	OpenVMS DCL DIFFERENCE; see cmp, comm
du	Displays disk space usage.	
egrep	Searches for text in a file.	OpenVMS DCL SEARCH; UNIX: grep -e
fgrep	Searches for text in a file.	OpenVMS DCL SEARCH; UNIX: grep -f
find	Searches down directory trees for a file (no need to know device!).	OpenVMS DIR [...]filename; see ls
grep	Searches for text in a file.	OpenVMS DCL SEARCH; see egrep and fgrep
gnutar	GNU tar utility to archive files. Reads OpenSource software distribution tarballs and archives and restores UNIX-style files.	
gunzip	Decompress a file.	See gzip
gzip	Compress/Decompress a file.	See gunzip
head	Displays the beginning of files.	See cat, lpr
join	Joins lines of two files (fields) in output.	See paste
less	Displays a file one screen at a time.	OpenVMS DCL TYPE/PAGE; see more
ln	Link (creates an alias filename).	OpenVMS DCL SET FILE/ENTRY
ls	Displays contents of a directory.	OpenVMS DCL DIRECTORY; see find
mkdir	Creates a directory.	OpenVMS DCL CREATE/DIRECTORY
mkfile	Creates a file.	OpenVMS DCL CREATE
more	Displays a file one screen at a time	OpenVMS DCL TYPE/PAGE; see less
mv	Moves files to a new location or renames files.	OpenVMS DCL RENAME

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**Table 1 (Cont.) GNV Utilities**

paste	Joins corresponding lines of several files, or subsequent lines in one file.	See join
rm	Deletes files.	OpenVMS DCL DELETE
rmdir	Deletes a directory.	
split	Splits a file into multiple files.	
sum	Displays a checksum for a file.	
tar	Archives files.	This runs VMSTAR, a tool similar to tar. It is not a genuine UNIX tar utility. Similar to OpenVMS BACKUP. For more information, see Section 8.2. See gnutar.
unzip	Retrieves archived files.	
zcat	Expands compressed files.	
zip	Archives files.	

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**Text Processing**

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cut	Locates specified fields of each line of a file and writes the characters in those fields to standard output. Displays columns of a file.	
expand	Replaces tab characters with spaces in the named files or in the standard input, and writes the result to the standard output.	See unexpand
fmt	Formats text of a file to a specified width.	See fold
fold	Formats file by wrapping lines at the specified width.	See fmt
gawk (awk)	Text processing language.	
nl	Numbers lines in a file.	
od	Writes the contents of a file to standard output, in a specified format.	
sed	Invokes a stream editor.	
sort	Sorts the lines of a file.	
tr	Finds and replaces characters in a file.	
unexpand	Replaces spaces with tab characters in the data from the standard input, or in the named files, and writes the result to the standard output.	See expand
uniq	Removes duplicate lines from a file.	
vi	Invokes a text editor simulating the standard UNIX vi text editor.	OpenVMS EDIT; for more information, see Section 8.2
wc	Displays the number of lines, words, and characters in a text file.	

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**Printing**

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lp	Prints a file.
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## 8.2 Utilities Exhibiting Variant Behavior

The following GNV utilities have been observed to exhibit behavior that varies from their UNIX counterparts.

- `tar` (this runs the OpenVMS utility `VMSTAR`, which differs slightly from the the genuine UNIX `tar` utility. Try `gnutar` instead.)
- `vi` (this runs a `vi` emulator based on the OpenVMS utility `TPU`, which differs slightly from the genuine UNIX `vi` utility)
- The intent of GNV is that all utilities accept UNIX-style file specifications (that is, those specifications containing slashes "/", single or double dots ".", "..", and so forth.) Several utilities included with GNV were ported to OpenVMS previously and can accept OpenVMS-style file specifications. In fact, some may not accept UNIX-style file specifications, such as the following:
  - `unzip`

## 9 Installation Instructions

This section provides directions for installing GNV onto your OpenVMS system. The latest GNV software is included in [GNV.KIT] on the Open Source Tools CD-ROM. You can also downline load the GNV software from either of the following locations:

<http://h71000.www7.hp.com/OPENSOURCE/opensource.html>

or

<http://gnv.sourceforge.net>.

### 9.1 Installing the GNV Software on Your System Disk

To install the GNV software on your system disk, follow these steps:

1. Load the installation kit media onto an available drive.
2. Log in to the `SYSTEM` account (at the login prompt, enter user name `SYSTEM` and the appropriate password), or an account with equivalent privileges.
3. At the `DCL` prompt (`$`), type the following command, as shown, where *device-name* is the name of the device containing the kit (a CD-ROM drive).

```
$ PRODUCT INSTALL GNV /SOURCE=device-name:[GNV.KIT]
```

To install your GNV software on a location other than the system disk, see Section 9.2.

4. When you enter the `PRODUCT INSTALL` command, the system responds with a display similar to the following:

```
The following product has been selected:
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1           Layered Product

Do you want to continue? [YES]
```

Continue the procedure by pressing the `Enter` key for the default (`YES`). The system responds as shown in the example below. The procedure might take several minutes and numerous messages might be displayed on the screen. In response to each prompt displayed by the system, choose the default answer.

Configuration phase starting . . . :

You will be asked to choose options, if any, for each selected product and for any products that may be installed to satisfy software dependency requirements.

DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1

Do you want the defaults for all options? [YES]

Note that the only option with GNV is whether to include the source files with the installation. The default is YES.

5. Accept the default for all options by pressing the ENTER key. The system responds by asking whether you want to review all the options:

Do you want to review the options? [NO]

6. Proceed with the GNV installation by pressing the ENTER key to accept the default (NO, skip review of options). The installation proceeds with a progress report on the product installation as in the following example:

Execution phase starting . . . :

The following product will be installed to destination:  
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1      DISK\$ALPHASYS:[VMS\$COMMON.]

Portion done:0%...10%...20%...30%...40%...50%...60%...70%  
...80%...90%..100%

The following product has been installed:  
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1      Layered Product

When the installation procedure is complete, the system returns you to the DCL prompt (\$).

7. Finally, perform the steps described in Section 11 to set up GNV properly.

## 9.2 Installing Your GNV Software on a Location Other Than the System Disk

You can use the PRODUCT INSTALL command to install GNV on a location other than the system disk by specifying the location with the /DESTINATION qualifier. The target disk must be an ODS-5 disk.

The procedure for installing GNV on a location other than the system disk is equivalent to the steps outlined in Section 9.1, except the PRODUCT INSTALL command format in step 3 would be:

```
$ PRODUCT INSTALL GNV /SOURCE=device-name:[GNV.KIT] /DESTINATION=device-name
```

Note that the GNV\$STARTUP.COM file is placed in the [SYS\$STARTUP] directory on the target disk. You must either copy it to your SYS\$COMMON:[SYS\$STARTUP] directory or invoke it on the target disk from your SYS\$MANAGER:SYSTARTUP\_VMS.COM file. For more information on the SYS\$STARTUP.COM file, see Section 11.

## 9.3 If You Move the Target Disk After Installation

The installation procedure creates file GNV\_DESTINATION\_Alpha.COM or GNV\_DESTINATION\_IA64.COM in the [SYS\$STARTUP] directory. This file points to the target location of the GNV kit, including the physical device specification of the target disk. If you should move the disk on which you installed GNV, edit the SYS\$STARTUP:GNV\_DESTINATION\_archname.COM file so that the device specification correctly reflects the new location.

## 9.4 Installing the GNV Software in a Cluster

GNV can be installed in a cluster, where the cluster has a common system disk.

GNV must be installed on a common system disk from any one nodes in a cluster. GNV and its directory structure can be accessed from the other nodes in a cluster by executing the following GNV startup commands:

```
$ @SYS$SYSDEVICE:[PSX$ROOT]GNV_SETUP.COM
$ @SYS$STARTUP:GNV$STARTUP.COM
```

## 9.5 Upgrading the GNV Software

The procedure of upgrading GNV is similar to the procedure of installing GNV. To upgrade GNV from Version 2.1-1 or Version 2.1-2 to GNV Version 2.1-3, execute the following command at the DCL prompt:

```
$ PRODUCT INSTALL GNV
```

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### Note

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The /DESTINATION qualifier is not supported while upgrading, it will upgrade or install the new version in the same location.

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An output similar to the following is displayed:

```
The following product has been selected:
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1-3                      Layered Product
Do you want to continue? [YES] YES

The following product will be installed to destination:
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1-3                      DISK$ALPHA83:[VMS$COMMON.]
The following product will be removed from destination:
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1-2                      DISK$ALPHA83:[VMS$COMMON.]

The following product has been installed:
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1-3                      Layered Product
The following product has been removed:
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1-2                      Layered Product
```

## 10 Uninstalling the GNV Software

To uninstall GNV, execute the following command at the DCL prompt:

```
$ PRODUCT REMOVE GNV
```

An output similar to the following is displayed:

```
The following product has been selected:
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1-3                      Layered Product
Do you want to continue? [YES]
Continue the procedure by pressing the Enter key for the default (YES).

The following product has been removed:
DEC AXPVMS GNV V2.1-3                      Layered Product
```

## 10.1 Older Version of GNV Files

If the new GNV kit is reinstalled into the same destination directory that was specified during previous installation or if the default location was used, the new kit will replace all the older version files with the newer version files in the same installation directory. If you are reinstalling GNV in the same installation directory, do not execute `$ PRODUCT REMOVE GNV`.

If the new GNV kit is reinstalled into a new location using `/DESTINATION =<new_installation_location>`, the previous version of GNV needs to be removed manually using the following command before reinstallation:

```
$ PRODUCT REMOVE GNV
```

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### Note

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When reinstalling a product you cannot specify the destination. To change the product's destination, first remove the product and install it to a new location. If you continue to install the product without removing the product, newer version of GNV will be reinstalled in same location.

HP recommends you to uninstall and delete the complete GNV directory manually before installing the new version of GNV.

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## 11 Setup Requirements

GNV provides the following command procedures for use with your system.

1. `SYS$STARTUP:GNV$STARTUP.COM` — This file, located in the `[SYS$STARTUP]` directory of the disk on which you installed GNV, should be executed automatically at startup time. To have it executed at startup time, add the following line to your `SYS$MANAGER:SYSTARTUP_VMS.COM` file if you installed GNV on the system disk:

```
$ @SYS$STARTUP:GNV$STARTUP.COM
```

If you installed GNV on a disk other than the system disk, add the following line instead, where *device-name* is the device specification of the disk where GNV was installed.

```
$ @device-name:[SYS$STARTUP]GNV$STARTUP.COM
```

This startup file makes certain required systemwide definitions. Most importantly, it defines the GNU logical to point to the GNV top level directory.

2. `GNU:[LIB]GNV_SETUP.COM` — This file is to be executed by each user who will be using GNV. A user can have the file executed automatically at login by incorporating it in the user's `LOGIN.COM` file. If all users of a system will be using GNV, then this file may be executed in the systemwide `LOGIN.COM` file: `SYS$MANAGER:SYLOGIN.COM`.

This file defines certain process-private symbols that cannot be implemented systemwide. These must be implemented on a per-user basis.

3. `SYS$STARTUP:PSX$UP_STARTUP.COM` — This file, located in the `[SYS$STARTUP]` directory of the disk on which you installed GNV, will be executed automatically at startup time by the `GNV$STARTUP.COM` procedure. In addition to defining a few logical names to support GNV operation, it also calls the `mnt` utility to connect all mounted disk volumes

under the /mnt directory. If you wish to mount the OpenVMS disks into the Posix view of the file system in a different way, it is recommended that you modify that file by commenting out the call to the DoMountPoints subroutines, and insert a line which calls your own command procedure with @.

## 12 Using GNV

To use GNV, enter the bash command at the OpenVMS DCL prompt. The bash\$ prompt will then appear, as in the following example.

```
$ bash
bash$
```

Enter bash commands at this prompt, as shown in the following example, in which the ls command is entered:

```
bash$ ls
```

Alternatively, you can enter a single bash command at the OpenVMS DCL prompt, in the following format:

```
$ bash -c bash-command
```

For example, to enter the ls command from the OpenVMS DCL prompt, type the following line. After the contents of the working directory are displayed, the OpenVMS DCL prompt appears again.

```
$ bash -c ls
accountng.dat                desktop.dir
errorlog.                    app.exe
help.dir
$
```

If the command you are entering has two or more components, the command and components must be surrounded by double quotes as in the following example:

```
$ bash -c "ls -al"
```

## 13 General Environmental Differences Between GNV/OpenVMS and UNIX Systems

This section discusses some of the differences observed between GNV features and utilities on OpenVMS and their counterparts on UNIX systems.

### 13.1 Root Directory

OpenVMS systems do not have a single root directory similar to that of UNIX systems. The UNIX root directory (/) is the top level of the system file hierarchy. All directories on the system, irrespective of the physical device, are located under the root. On a native OpenVMS system, the closest entity to the UNIX root directory is the toplevel directory of a specific device. The character "/" is not recognized as a directory.

OpenVMS V8.3 has a new feature in the SET ROOT command to specify the location of the root directory. GNV points this root at the primary GNV directory, generally on the system disk. Furthermore, GNV creates a number of directories commonly found immediately under a UNIX root directory: /etc, /usr, /bin, /lib, and so forth.

This root directory is the top level of the GNV directory tree. You may use it to locate numerous files and directories. However, unlike a UNIX system, it is not true that all files and directories in the system can be found under the root. To accomplish that, the GNV utility `mnt` is used to connect all mounted disks to directory entries under the `/mnt` directory when the

## 13.2 Multiple Versions of a File

OpenVMS operating systems maintain multiple versions of a file, with the highest version number being the most recent. UNIX maintains only the most recent version of a file. With a few exceptions, GNV supports this UNIX feature. For example, the `rm` utility removes all versions of a file. The following are some of the utilities that still act only on the most recent version of a file, leaving earlier versions in place:

- `mv`
- `chmod`
- `chown`
- `ln`

For example, if you use `mv` to move (or rename) a file, only the highest version number file is moved. The lower versions (older) files are left in place.

## 13.3 Case Sensitivity in File Names

Normally, OpenVMS systems are not case sensitive. However, on ODS-5 devices you can enable case sensitivity for file names by using the following command at the OpenVMS DCL prompt or in a login command file:

```
SET PROCESS/CASE=SENSITIVE/PARSE_STYLE=EXTENDED
```

## 13.4 Variances in Interpretation of Characters and Unsupported Characters

The following subsections describe differences in the way OpenVMS GNV and the UNIX operating system interpret certain characters and lists characters that are unsupported.

### 13.4.1 File Names Beginning with a Period

OpenVMS lets you create a file name beginning with a period. The OpenVMS `DIRECTORY` command will list such files. UNIX systems consider such files as hidden. The UNIX `ls` command does not list such files unless, for example, the `-a` option is used or the file name is specified in the command line.

### 13.4.2 Control Characters

The following control sequences do not work as expected:

- `CTRL/C` (the response depends on the circumstances; if you do not get the expected response, try using `CTRL/Y` to bring you to the DCL prompt, and then enter the DCL `CONTINUE` command to bring you back to the original prompt or interrupted process)
- `CTRL/Y` (instead of bringing you to the previous command entered, this sequence might bring you back to the DCL prompt, stopping the bash program; try entering `CTRL/Y` a second time)

The `CTRL/@` sequence has not been tested.

## 14 GNV Version 3.0-1 Packages Upgrade and Version Difference

In GNV Version 3.0-1, 16 packages are upgraded to the latest GNU level out of 24 total packages. The remaining eight packages are not upgraded from GNV Version 2.1-3. Table 2 lists the GNV Version 3.0-1 packages upgrade and version difference. For more information about the latest GNU packages, see the GNU website at <http://www.gnu.org/software>.

**Table 2 GNV Version 3.0-1 Packages Upgrade and Version Difference**

Package Name	GNV V2.1-3	GNV V3.0-1	Upgrade to latest GNU Version	GNU Website
bash	1.14.8	1.14.8	No	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/bash/">http://www.gnu.org/software/bash/</a>
make	3.78.1	3.78.1	No	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/make/">http://www.gnu.org/software/make/</a>
gawk	3.1.1	3.1.8	Yes	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/gawk/">http://www.gnu.org/software/gawk/</a>
bzip2	1.0.2	1.0.6	Yes	<a href="http://www.bzip.org/">http://www.bzip.org/</a>
Coreutils	2.0, 2.1, and 4.1	8.5	Yes	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/">http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/</a>
Diffutils	2.7	3.0	Yes	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/diffutils/">http://www.gnu.org/software/diffutils/</a>
file	4.09	5.04	Yes	<a href="http://www.darwinsys.com/file/">http://www.darwinsys.com/file/</a>
findutils	4.1	4.4.2	Yes	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/findutils/">http://www.gnu.org/software/findutils/</a>
grep	2.4.2	2.7	Yes	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/grep">http://www.gnu.org/software/grep</a>
gzip	1.2.4	1.4	Yes	<a href="http://www.gzip.org/">http://www.gzip.org/</a>
unzip	5.42	6.0	Yes	<a href="http://www.info-zip.org/">http://www.info-zip.org/</a>
zip	2.3	3.0	Yes	<a href="http://www.info-zip.org/">http://www.info-zip.org/</a>
less	358	418	Yes	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/less/">http://www.gnu.org/software/less/</a>
man	1.5k	1.5k	No	<a href="http://primates.ximian.com/~flucifredi/man/">http://primates.ximian.com/~flucifredi/man/</a>
mnt	2.8	2.8	No	OpenVMS Specific development
patch	2.5.4	2.6	Yes	<a href="http://savannah.gnu.org/projects/patch">http://savannah.gnu.org/projects/patch</a>
sed	3.02	4.2.1	Yes	<a href="http://directory.fsf.org/project/sed/">http://directory.fsf.org/project/sed/</a>
gnutar	1.19	1.25	Yes	<a href="http://www.gnu.org/software/tar/">http://www.gnu.org/software/tar/</a>
vitpu	1.4	1.4	No	OpenVMS Specific development
vim	6.3	7.3	Yes	<a href="http://www.vim.org">www.vim.org</a>
vmstar	3.4	3.4	No	<a href="http://vms.process.com/scripts/fileserv/fileserv.com?VMSTAR">http://vms.process.com/scripts/fileserv/fileserv.com?VMSTAR</a>
which	2.16	2.2	Yes	<a href="http://savannah.gnu.org/projects/which">http://savannah.gnu.org/projects/which</a>
vmsutils	No	No	No	OpenVMS Specific development
wrapper	No	No	No	OpenVMS Specific development

## 14.1 Updates to Existing GNV Components

Table 3 lists the 81 GNV components upgraded to the latest GNU versions.

**Table 3 GNV Components Upgraded to the Latest GNU Versions**

awk	basename	bzcat	bzip2	bzip2recover	cat	chgrp
chmod	chown	cksum	cmp	comm	cp	csplit
cut	date	dd	df	diff	dirname	du
egrep	env	expand	expr	false	fgrep	file
find	fmt	fold	gawk	gnutar	grep	gunzip
gzip	head	hostname	id	install	join	less
ln	ls	man	manpath	mkdir	more	mv
nl	od	paste	patch	printenv	ps	pwd
rm	rmdir	sleep	sort	split	sum	tac
tail	tar	tee	touch	tr	True	Uname
Unexpand	Uniq	Unzip	Unzipsfx	Wc	Which	Whoami
Xargs	Xxd	Zcat	Zip			

## 14.2 New GNV Components

Table 4 lists the new GNV components.

**Table 4 New GNV Components**

base64	diff3	dir	factor	kill
locate	logname	md5sum	mktemp	pathchk
pr	ptx	sdiff	seq	sha1sum
sha224sum	sha256sum	sha384sum	sha512sum	shuf
stat	test	timeout	truncate	vdir

## 14.3 GNV Version 3.0-1 Sources and Build Procedure

The GNV sources are copied to GNU:[SRC] directory during the installation. This directory contains the following files:

```
$ DIR GNU:[SRC]
Directory GNU:[SRC]
GNV_SOURCE.BCK;1   RESTORE_GNV_SOURCE.COM;1
```

Complete GNV build areas are packaged into the PCSI kit as backup saveset (GNV\_SOURCE.BCK). Backup saveset file can be extracted using RESTORE\_GNV\_SOURCE.COM. The backup saveset contains the complete source file along with the automated build procedure.

To build GNV:

1. Start and setup GNV procedure:

```
$ @SYS$STARTUP:GNV$STARTUP.COM
$ @GNU:[LIB]GNV_SETUP.COM
```



2. Invoke the GNV build:

```
$ @[.build]build.com ALL BUILD
```

## 15 Reporting Problems

All normal problem-reporting channels are available for GNV users to report problems with the GNV software provided with OpenVMS Alpha and OpenVMS Integrity servers. Please note that OpenVMS engineering cannot guarantee resolution of all reported problems in this kit but will do its best to address all reports in a timely manner.

## 16 Bug Fixes

The latest GNV software includes fixes to bugs found on the indicated version of GNV. The fixes will apply to GNV running on either Alpha or Integrity server systems, except where specified otherwise.

### 16.1 Since Version 2.1-3

- GNV setup — The result of `pwd` command does not display the same directory on the subshell and the main shell. Therefore, in the `GNV$STARTUP.COM`, `SYS$POSIX_ROOT` logical is defined as `/TRANSLATION=CONCEALED`. Now, the `pwd` command displays the same directory on the subshell and the main shell.
- GNV setup — A system crash occurs, if the `BIN` logical is not defined to `GNU:[BIN]` in `[LIB]GNV_SETUP.COM`. Now, the `BIN` logical is created in the process table by the `[LIB]GNV_SETUP.COM`. By default, the `BIN` logical is defined in the `SYS$SYSTEM`.
- `bash` — Sometimes `bash` does not clean the `SYS$LOGIN:SH*.*`; temporary files. Instead it creates a new version without deleting the older versions. Now, `SYS$LOGIN:SH*.*`; temporary files are deleted.
- `cc` — The following problems are observed:
  - `cc` wrapper library lookup is unable to process any OpenVMS symbolic link and search the OpenVMS library such as `TCPIP$LIBRARY:TCPIP$LIB.OLB`. Now, the `cc` wrapper library lookup can process OpenVMS symbolic link and search the OpenVMS library.
  - The fix for `-input_to_ld` parameter to `cc` GNV wrapper is not able to process correctly. Instead the `-input_to_ld` parameter generates `/OPT=file`. Now, the `cc` GNV wrapper appends the `",\n'pwd'<file>/opt"` after `SYS$INPUT:/OPT`.
- `ld` — Linker wrapper `ld` does not match the linking order to Linux linking order. Now, linker wrapper `ld` matches the linking order to Linux linking order.

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#### Note

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`-auto_symvec` parameter is used only for linking and is valid only on `ld` command.

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## 16.2 Since Version 2.1-2

- Product removal fixes
  - This release fixes the GNV product removal issues on a standalone system. Issues with deassigning the GNV\_OPTION\_SOURCES logical while removing GNV is fixed to address this issue.
  - This release fixes the GNV product removal issue in a cluster. Issue while removing GNV from another node in a cluster other than installation node is fixed. The GNV\$MNTROOT.COM procedure is added, which will be run before product removal to create a GNV mount point on a node other than the installation node.
- `cc -l` command — To make GNV compatible with the UNIX environment, the search mechanism for library is modified when using the `cc -l` option.
- ZIP — Zip issue with `.DIR` extension is fixed.
- Disk Free (DF) Utility — The DF utility crashed on Alpha systems with an ACCVIO error, and on Integrity server systems, the DF utility failed to display the result. This release fixes these problems.
- `g++` compiler— The G++ compiler was not working, `bash` is fixed to resolve this problem.
- `bash`— While running the configure script, the `confstest` creates an empty file. The configure scripts receives an error from the C compiler that makes the script to consider that there is no functioning C compiler on the system.

## 16.3 Since Version 2.1

- Installation creates undesired mount points.  
The installed start-up script `PSX$UP_STARTUP.COM` still includes the `DoMountPoints` subroutine, but the call to it is commented out. Customers who wish to enable this feature may remove the comment mark.
- Installation on Alpha and Integrity systems in a heterogeneous cluster  
The generated file `SYS$STARTUP:GNV_DESTINATION.COM` has been replaced by the file `SYS$STARTUP:GNV_DESTINATION_archname.COM` to avoid conflict.

## 16.4 Since Version 1.5-6

- `CONFIGURE` scripts and `config.h`  
GNV is often used on OpenVMS systems to port and configure OpenSource software. Most OpenSource packages are distributed in source form. A configure script is run to determine the features of the system it is running on, and to configure the build files, especially the make files and one or more include files (`.h`).  
The configure script often generates an include file called `config.h`. This file contains the results of many of the tests performed by the configure script. The configure script runs numerous tests to determine features implemented by the local system. It then writes records to `config.h` based on the results of these tests.

In the past, many of the results written to the `config.h` file have been wrong. This has been traced to a bug in `bash`. This problem is resolved in the version of `bash` shipped with this release of GNV. The problem with `bash` is illustrated by the following example, where the wrong branch of the `if` statement was taken.

```
echo foo | true
if test `eval echo no` = yes
then
    echo Writing to confdefs.h
else
    echo Not writing to anywhere.
fi
```

With this bug fix, configure scripts can be expected to generate more useful `config.h` files.

- Redirection of DCL commands on OpenVMS Integrity server systems

Redirection of DCL commands now works reliably.

OpenVMS on Integrity server systems tends to generate mailbox devices with five-digit unit numbers. On Alpha, these unit numbers were limited to four digits. Code used for redirection of DCL commands depended on four-digit unit numbers. For consistency with Integrity server systems, Alpha unit numbers have been increased to five digits.

- Definition of `SYS$POSIX_ROOT`

The GNV startup file (`SYS$STARTUP:GNV$STARTUP.COM`) defines the logical name `SYS$POSIX_ROOT`, if that is not already defined. This allows GNV utilities to make use of a UNIX-like system root.

This release defines `SYS$POSIX_ROOT` in a format that more closely matches the format expected by RMS. No directory is specified in the definition of this logical.

- Pipe to `cut -f` bug fixed

In previous releases of GNV, piping output to a `cut -fn` command would hang. For example:

```
bash$ cat nosuchfile | cut -f2
```

This problem is resolved in GNV Version 1.6.

## 17 Known Problems and Restrictions

- Pipe operations hang

Certain forms of pipe operations are known to have problems. For example:

```
bash$ (cat t.txt) | less
```

This command works fine for a small enough `t.txt`. If the file is larger, the command hangs.

One workaround to this and certain other pipe hangs is to use the Run-Time Library's feature to increase the buffer size of the mailboxes used to implement pipes, as in the following example:

```
$ DEFINE DECC$PIPE_BUFFER_SIZE 65000
```

Do not use a value much larger than 65000. For example, 65535 does not work.

For more information, refer to the discussion of the `DECC$PIPE_BUFFER_SIZE` feature in the Introduction Chapter of the *HP C Run-Time Library Reference Manual for OpenVMS Systems*.

This allows the command to work for moderately large files. However, sufficiently large files will still hang.

Another workaround to the hang is to use a temporary file as in the following example. Of course, this requires editing the script file.

```
bash$ (cat t.txt) > s.txt; less s.txt; rm s.txt;
```

The real problem is that `bash` should execute both the `cat` and the `less` child processes asynchronously. However, it does not currently do this. Instead, the `less` command does not get processed until the `cat` has completed. The output of the `cat` command is buffered in the pipe. If the pipe is not large enough to hold the entire output, then `cat` waits for the `less` function to read, but `less` does not run until the `cat` function completes. The result is a hang.

HP will resolve this problem in a future release of GNV.

- `bash` Command Line Editing

There are numerous problems with the `bash` History File and Command-Line Editing.

HP will resolve these in some future release of GNV.

- `#!` shell variable returns a bad process id

`#!` is supposed to return the process id of the most recently executed background job. Currently, it instead returns a job number, which is not useful for most purposes.

HP will fix this problem in a future release of GNV.

## 18 Documentation

Table 5 lists documentation provided with the GNV kit. Once you have installed the GNV software, you can find the documentation files in the directories indicated.

Table 6 lists sources of information on the Internet.

GNV includes the MAN utility, ported from GNU MAN. Also included are MAN page files for most of the utilities included in the GNV kit. Again, these MAN page files are extracted from GNU sources and might not exactly represent the utilities included with GNV.

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### Note

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Most of the MAN page files have filenames with multiple dots. If you attempt to install GNV on an ODS-2 disk, these files will be missing, and MAN will be unable to find them.

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### Disclaimer

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The documentation listed in Table 5 is derived from a variety of sources and presented as is. HP has not reviewed these for correctness, accuracy, nor usability. These documents might not represent the version of the

software provided with the GNV kit. For example, the bash reference manual (GNU:[src.GNV.BASH.DOCUMENTATION]BASH\_REFERENCE\_MANUAL.TXT) provided with this kit documents bash Version 2; this kit provides bash Version 1.14.

In addition, most of these documents are specific to GNU, not to the GNV kit or the utilities provided with OpenVMS.

At least several documents are .TEX source files (.TEXINFO). Many of these documents might not print or display correctly. Nevertheless, they might contain valuable information. Many of the .TXT files are nroff files. The .INFO files are generally clean and printable.

If you are looking for documentation of some GNU (or UNIX) command, and it is not available with the GNV kit, you can often find a MAN page or other document either on your favorite UNIX system or on the Internet (see Table 6 for several pointers). Obviously, such documents might not match the version of the software provided with GNV, but they will at least give you a general idea of how the software works.

In the following table, page counts are provided where appropriate and are approximations.

**Table 5 GNV-Supplied Documentation**

File Name	Description and Comments
<b>GNU:[000000] or /gnu</b>	
GNVREADME_FIRST. (.HTML, .PDF, .PS, .TXT)	This document, which provides GNV product information and installation/setup instructions. Also available on the Open Source Tools CD documentation area. 30 pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.BASH] or /gnu/src/gnv/bash</b>	
INSTALL.	Provides build and installation instructions for bash on GNU; not necessarily applicable to GNV on OpenVMS. Four pages.
NEWS.	Lists recently fixed bash bugs. One page.
RELEASE.	Describes new features of bash. Five pages.

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**Table 5 (Cont.) GNV-Supplied Documentation**

File Name	Description and Comments
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.BASH.DOCUMENTATION] or /gnu/src/gnv/bash/documentation</b>	
ARTICLE (.MS, .PS, .TXT)	White paper on bash. 11 pages.
BASH (.1, .PS, .TXT)	MAN page. Source unknown. The .TXT file contains some unprintable text. 37 pages.
BASH_REFERENCE_MANUAL.TXT	Reference manual describing the features and functionality of bash. This manual documents bash Version 2. This kit contains bash Version 1.14. This manual documents features not present in the provided software. For example, two such features are (1) arrays and (2) several invocation options (for example, bash -r). Approximately 100 pages.
BUILTINS (.1, PS, .TXT)	MAN page that documents the bash built-in commands. 11 pages.
FAQ.	Contains a set of frequently-asked questions concerning bash. 12 pages.
FEATURES (.DVI, .INFO, .PS, .TEXI)	A 1994 document describing bash features and functionality.
READLINE (.3, .PS, .TXT)	MAN page documenting the readline() API. Useful for understanding bash command-line processing.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.BASH.CWRU] or /gnu/src/gnv/bash/cwru</b>	
POSIX.NOTES	Discussion of the bash POSIX mode. One page.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.BASH.LIB.READLINE.DOC] or /gnu/src/gnv/bash/lib/readline/doc</b>	
HISTORY.PS	Documents the history function (command-line recall) of readline. For both users and programmers. 18 pages.
HISTORY.INFO	Technical guide to the history library. 12 pages.
HSTECH.TEXINFO	Programmer's guide to the history library.
HSUSER.TEXINFO	User's guide to the history library.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.BASH.LIB.TERMCAP.GROT] or /gnu/src/gnv/bash/lib/termcap/grot</b>	
TERMCAP.INFO*	This series of files provides programmer's information about the termcap library. 100 pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.FINDUTILS.4_1] or /gnu/src/gnv/findutils/4_1</b>	
README.	Technical usage notes for the find utility. One page.
INSTALL.	Build and installation instructions applicable primarily to GNU on UNIX systems. Four pages.
NEWS.	New features in recent versions of the find utility. Four pages.
COPYING.	GNU General Public License regulations. Six pages.

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<b>File Name</b>	<b>Description and Comments</b>
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.FINDUTILS.4_1.DOC] or /gnu/src/gnv/findutils/4_1/doc</b>	
FIND.INFO-1	User's guide for find utility. 25 pages.
FIND.INFO-2	Continuation of the user's guide. 18 pages.
FIND.TEXI	Source file for the user's guide.
PERM.TEXI	Discussion of UNIX file permissions. Six pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.GREP.GREP-2_4_2] or /gnu/src/gnv/grep/grep-2_4_2</b>	
NEWS.	New features in recent versions of grep. Three pages.
README.	Readme file for grep. One page.
AUTHORS.	Acknowledgements. One page.
THANKS.	Acknowledgements. One page.
COPYING.	GNU General Public License regulations. Six pages.
INSTALL.	Build and installation instructions for the GNU version of grep. Four pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.GREP.GREP-2_4_2.DOC] or /gnu/src/gnv/grep/grep-2_4_2/doc</b>	
GREP (.1, .INFO, .TEIX)	User's guide for grep. 13 pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.SED.SED-3_02] or /gnu/src/gnv/sed/sed-3_02</b>	
COPYING.	GNU General Public License regulations. Six pages.
INSTALL.	Build and installation instructions for the GNU version of sed. Four pages.
NEWS.	New features introduced in recent versions of sed. One page.
README.	Readme file for sed. One page.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.SED.SED-3_02.DOC] or /gnu/src/gnv/sed/sed-3_02/doc</b>	
SED (.1, .INFO, .TEIX)	User's guide for sed. 10 pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.MAKE.MAKE] or /gnu/src/gnv/make/make</b>	
README.VMS	Release notes for the OpenVMS version of make. One page.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.LESS.LESS-358] or /gnu/src/gnv/less/less-358</b>	
LESS.HLP	OpenVMS help file for the less utility. Four pages.
LESS.MAN	MAN page text file for the less utility. 30 pages.

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<b>File Name</b>	<b>Description and Comments</b>
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.TAR] or /gnu/src/gnv/tar</b>	
AAAREADME.TXT	Build instructions and release for OpenVMS tar. Three pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.VITPU.DOC] or /gnu/src/gnv/vitpu/doc</b>	
HOW-VI-WORKS.	Information on the internals of the vi text editor. Notes from developers. Three pages.
README.	Readme file for vi. Four pages.
TUTOR (.MEM, .RNO, .RNT, .RNX)	User's guide for novice vi text editor users. Six pages.
VI (.HLP, .HLB, .MEM, .RNO, .RNT)	Help file and guide to using the OpenVMS VITPU utility that emulates the vi text editor. 27 pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.GZIP] or /gnu/src/gnv/gzip</b>	
GZIP (.1, .DOC, .INFO, .TEXI)	User's guide for gzip. Six pages.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.ZIP.MAN] or /gnu/src/gnv/zip/man</b>	
ZIP.1	User's guide for zip in source format.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.ZIP] or /gnu/src/gnv/zip</b>	
ZIP.HLP	Help file (OpenVMS) for zip.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.UNZIP] or /gnu/src/gnv/unzip</b>	
UNZIP.HLP	Help file (OpenVMS) for unzip.
UNZIP.TXT	User's guide for unzip.
README.	Readme file for unzip.
<b>GNU:[SRC.GNV.UNZIP.MAN] or /gnu/src/gnv/unzip/man</b>	
UNZIP.1	User's guide for unzip.
<b>GNU:[LIB-LIBGDBM] or /gnu/lib-libgdbm</b>	
README.TXT	Describes GNU C libgdbm library components provided for OpenVMS Alpha and Integrity server systems. Explains how to build libgdbm, and lists the files provided, restrictions, and changes made for OpenVMS. Three pages.

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File Name	Description and Comments
<b>GNU:[LIB-LIBHASH] or /gnu/lib-libhash</b>	
README.TXT	Describes GNU C libhash library components provided for OpenVMS Alpha and Integrity server systems. Explains how to build libhash, and lists the files provided, restrictions, and changes made for OpenVMS. Two pages.
<b>GNU:[LIB-LIBREGEX] or /gnu/lib-libregex</b>	
README.TXT	Describes GNU C libregex library components provided for OpenVMS Alpha and Integrity server systems. Explains how to build libregex, and lists the files provided, restrictions, and changes made for OpenVMS. Two pages.

**Table 6 External Sources of Information**

Description	location
GNU Project Website	<a href="http://www.gnu.org">http://www.gnu.org</a>
GNV OpenVMS Website	<a href="http://gnv.sourceforge.net">http://gnv.sourceforge.net</a> <a href="http://h71000.www7.hp.com/opensource/gnv.html">http://h71000.www7.hp.com/opensource/gnv.html</a>

