git-stripspace

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NAME ---- git-stripspace - Remove unnecessary whitespace

SYNOPSIS --------

> 'git stripspace' [-s | --strip-comments]
> 'git stripspace' [-c | --comment-lines]

DESCRIPTION -----------

Read text, such as commit messages, notes, tags and branch descriptions, from the standard input and clean it in the manner used by Git.

With no arguments, this will:

- remove trailing whitespace from all lines
- collapse multiple consecutive empty lines into one empty line
- remove empty lines from the beginning and end of the input
- add a missing 'n' to the last line if necessary.

In the case where the input consists entirely of whitespace characters, no output will be produced.

NOTE: This is intended for cleaning metadata. Prefer the `--whitespace=fix` mode of linkgit:git-apply[1] for correcting whitespace of patches or files in the repository.

OPTIONS ------- -s:: --strip-comments:: Skip and remove all lines starting with a comment character (`core.commentChar`, default `#`).

-c

--comment-lines
Prepend the comment character and a blank space to each line. Lines will automatically be terminated with a newline. On empty lines, only the comment character will be prepended.

EXAMPLES --------

Given the following noisy input with '$' indicating the end of a line:

```
|A brief introduction   $
|   $
|$
|A new paragraph$
|# with a commented-out line    $
|explaining lots of stuff.$
|$
|# An old paragraph, also commented-out. $
|      $
|The end.$
|  $
```

Use ’git stripspace’ with no arguments to obtain:

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|$
|A new paragraph$
|# with a commented-out line$
|explaining lots of stuff.$
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|# An old paragraph, also commented-out.$
|$
|The end.$
```

Use ’git stripspace --strip-comments’ to obtain:

```
|A brief introduction$
|$
|A new paragraph$
|explaining lots of stuff.$
|$
|The end.$
```

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