NAME

mv − move (rename) files

SYNOPSIS

mv [*OPTION*]... [*-T*] *SOURCE DEST*

mv [*OPTION*]... *SOURCE*... *DIRECTORY*

mv [*OPTION*]... *-t DIRECTORY SOURCE*...

DESCRIPTION

Rename SOURCE to DEST, or move SOURCE(s) to DIRECTORY.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

−−backup[=*CONTROL*]

make a backup of each existing destination file

−b   like **−−backup** but does not accept an argument

−f, **−−force**

do not prompt before overwriting

−i, **−−interactive**

prompt before overwrite

−n, **−−no−clobber**

do not overwrite an existing file

If you specify more than one of **−i**, **−f**, **−n**, only the final one takes effect.

−−strip−trailing−slashes

remove any trailing slashes from each SOURCE argument

−S, **−−suffix**=*SUFFIX*

override the usual backup suffix

−t, **−−target−directory**=*DIRECTORY*

move all SOURCE arguments into DIRECTORY

−T, **−−no−target−directory**

treat DEST as a normal file

−u, **−−update**

move only when the SOURCE file is newer than the destination file or when the destination file is missing

−v, **−−verbose**

explain what is being done

−Z, **−−context**

set SELinux security context of destination file to default type

−−help   display this help and exit

−−version

output version information and exit

The backup suffix is '˜', unless set with **−−suffix** or SIMPLE_BACKUP_SUFFIX. The version control method may be selected via the **−−backup** option or through the VERSION_CONTROL environment variable. Here are the values:

none, off

never make backups (even if **−−backup** is given)

numbered, t

make numbered backups

existing, nil
> numbered if numbered backups exist, simple otherwise

simple, never
> always make simple backups

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rename(2)

Full documentation <https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/mv>
or available locally via: info '(coreutils) mv invocation'