NAME

mv – move or rename a file

SYNOPSIS

mv name1 name2

DESCRIPTION

Mv changes the name of *name1* to *name2.* If *name2* is a directory, *name1* is moved to that directory with its original file-name. Directories may only be moved within the same parent directory (just renamed).

If *name2* already exists, it is removed before *name1* is renamed. If *name2* has a mode which forbids writing, *mv* prints the mode and reads the standard input to obtain a line; if the line begins with **y,** the move takes place; if not, *mv* exits.

If *name2* would lie on a different file system, so that a simple rename is impossible, *mv* copies the file and deletes the original.

SEE ALSO

cp(I), cpio(I)

BUGS

It should take a **–f** flag, like *rm,* to suppress the question if the target exists and is not writable.