

**NAME**

cp – copy

**SYNOPSIS**

**cp** file1 file2

**DESCRIPTION**

The first file is copied onto the second. The mode and owner of the target file are preserved if it already existed; the mode of the source file is used otherwise.

If *file2* is a directory, then the target file is a file in that directory with the file-name of *file1*.

It is forbidden to copy a file onto itself.

**SEE ALSO**

cp<sub>x</sub>(I), ln(I), cat(I), pr(I), mv(I)