

**NAME**

mknod – build special file

**SYNOPSIS**

**/etc/mknod** name [ **c** ] [ **b** ] major minor

**DESCRIPTION**

*Mknod* makes a directory entry and corresponding i-node for a special file. The first argument is the *name* of the entry. The second is **b** if the special file is block-type (disks, tape) or **c** if it is character -type (other devices). The last two arguments are numbers specifying the *major* device type and the *minor* device (e.g. unit, drive, or line number). These numbers are assumed to be decimal by default, octal if they begin with a zero.

The assignment of major device numbers is specific to each system. They have to be dug out of the system source file *conf.c*.

**SEE ALSO**

mknod(II)