

NAME

bcopy – disk block copy

SYNOPSIS

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DESCRIPTION

Bcopy is an interactive command that allows disk blocks (512 bytes/block) to be selectively copied from one file to another file. When initially invoked, *bcopy* requires the user to supply responses to the following descriptor fields:

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| to | Full path name of the <i>destination</i> location, which can be either a special file or an ordinary file. If the file does not exist, <i>bcopy</i> will create it. |
| offset | A <i>decimal</i> integer that represents the relative position (block address) in the <i>destination</i> location at which the copy is to start. |
| from | Full path name of <i>source</i> file, which can be either a special file or an ordinary file. |
| offset | A <i>decimal</i> integer that represents the relative position (block address) in the <i>source</i> location at which the copy is to start. |
| count | A <i>decimal</i> integer that represents the number of disk blocks that is to be copied. |

The command terminates on receiving either a new-line character in response to the **to** prompt, or a DEL.

DIAGNOSTICS

“Can’t create” message can occur due to restricted read/write permissions, etc.

“bad character in number” because of a non-numeric character in a numeric argument.