

NAME

ln – make a link

SYNOPSIS

ln name1 [name2]

DESCRIPTION

A link is a directory entry referring to a file; the same file (together with its size, all its protection information, etc.) may have several links to it. There is no way to distinguish a link to a file from its original directory entry; any changes in the file are effective independently of the name by which the file is known.

Ln creates a link to an existing file *name1*. If *name2* is given, the link has that name; otherwise it is placed in the current directory and its name is the last component of *name1*.

It is forbidden to link to a directory or to link across file systems.

SEE ALSO

rm(I)

BUGS

There is nothing particularly wrong with *ln*, but *tp* doesn't understand about links and makes one copy for each name by which a file is known; thus if the tape is extracted several copies are restored and the information that links were involved is lost.