

**NAME**

cat – concatenate and print

**SYNOPSIS**

**cat** [ **-s** ] [ **-u** ] file ...

**DESCRIPTION**

*Cat* reads each *file* in sequence and writes it on the standard output. Thus

**cat file**

prints the file, and

**cat file1 file2 >file3**

concatenates the first two files and places the result on the third.

If no input file is given, or if the argument ‘–’ is encountered, *cat* reads from the standard input file.

The **-s** flag suppresses the error messages that *cat* would otherwise give for non-existent (or unreadable) files.

The **-u** flag causes *cat* to work in an unbuffered fashion (read one character, then write that character).

**SEE ALSO**

pr(I), cp(I)

**DIAGNOSTICS**

file not found

**BUGS**

**cat x y >x** and **cat x y >y** cause strange results (because of *sh*(I)).