**NAME**

wait – await completion of process

**SYNOPSIS**

**wait**

**DESCRIPTION**

Wait until all processes started with **&** have completed, and report on abnormal terminations.

Because the *wait*(II) system call must be executed in the parent process, the Shell itself executes *wait,* without creating a new process.

**SEE ALSO**

sh(I)

**BUGS**

After executing *wait* you are committed to waiting until termination, because interrupts and quits are ignored by all processes concerned. The only out, if the process does not terminate, is to *kill* it (see *kill* (I)) from another terminal or to hang up.