

NAME

clrm – clear mode of i-node

SYNOPSIS

/etc/clrm filesystem i-number ...

DESCRIPTION

Clrm writes a zero in the two byte mode of the associated i-node numbered *i-number*. The *filesystem* argument must be a special file name referring to a device containing a file system. More than one *i-number* may be given. After *clrm*, any blocks in the affected file will show up as “missing” in a *check* of the *filesystem*.

The primary purpose of this routine is to remove a file which does not appear in a directory. Internal checks are performed on each *i-number* to protect the *filesystem* against clearing either a directory or a special file.

Since *clrm* does not destroy the i-node’s original disk block address when invoked, the i-node, if cleared by mistake, may then be salvaged more efficiently.

SEE ALSO

check(VIII), clri(VIII)