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MAIL(I)   MAIL(I)

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mail — send mail to designated users

SYNOPSIS

mail [**−yn**] [person ...]
mail −f file

DESCRIPTION

Mail with no argument searches for a file called *.mail,* prints it in reverse chronological order if it is nonempty, then asks if it should be saved. If the answer is **y,** the mail is added to *mbox.* Finally *.mail* is truncated to zero length. To leave the mailbox untouched, hit 'delete.' The question can be answered on the command line with the argument '−y' or '−n'.

When *persons* are named, *mail* takes the standard input up to an end of file and adds it to each *person's .mail* file. The message is preceded by the sender's name and a postmark. A *person* is a user name recognized by *login* (I). Mail is sent to the default working directory of that user.

When a user logs in he is informed of the presence of mail. No mail will be received from a sender to whom *.mail* is inaccessible or unwritable.

The −f option causes the named file to be printed as if it were mail.

FILES

/etc/passwd	to identify sender and locate persons
/etc/utmp	to identify sender
.mail	input mail
mbox	saved mail
/tmp/m#	temp file

SEE ALSO

write (I)

BUGS