

**CHOWN(VIII)**

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**NAME**

`chown` — change owner

**SYNOPSIS**

`chown` owner file ...

**DESCRIPTION**

The user-ID of the files is changed to *owner*. The owner may be either a decimal User-ID (UID) or a login name found in the password file.

Only the super-user is allowed to change the owner of a file, in order to do reliable disk accounting.

**FILES**

`/etc/passwd`