

**NAME**

cat – concatenate and print

**SYNOPSIS**

**cat** file ...

**DESCRIPTION**

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

**cat file**

is about the easiest way to print a file. Also:

**cat file1 file2 >file3**

is about the easiest way to concatenate files.

If no input file is given *cat* reads from the standard input file.

If the argument – is encountered, *cat* reads from the standard input file.

**SEE ALSO**

pr(I), cp(I)

**DIAGNOSTICS**

none; if a file cannot be found it is ignored.

**BUGS**

**cat x y >x** and **cat x y >y** cause strange results.