

NAME

su – become privileged user

SYNOPSIS

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DESCRIPTION

Su allows one to become the super-user, who has all sorts of marvelous (and correspondingly dangerous) powers. In order for *su* to do its magic, the user must supply a password. If the password is correct, *su* will execute the Shell with the UID set to that of the super-user. To restore normal UID privileges, type an end-of-file to the super-user Shell.

The password demanded is that of the entry ‘root’ in the system’s password file.

To remind the super-user of his responsibilities, the Shell substitutes ‘#’ for its usual prompt ‘%’.

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