

**NAME**

cp – copy

**SYNOPSIS**

**cp** [ **-t** ] file1 file2

**DESCRIPTION**

The first file is copied onto the second. The mode and owner of the target file are preserved if it already existed; the mode of the source file is used otherwise.

If *file2* is a directory, then the target file is a file in that directory with the file-name of *file1*.

No one is quite sure what the flag **-t** does.

**SEE ALSO**

cat (I), pr (I), mv (I)

**BUGS**

Copying a file onto itself destroys its contents.