

NAME

mail – send mail to another user

SYNOPSIS

mail [**-yn**]

mail letter person ...

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DESCRIPTION

Mail without an argument searches for a file called *mailbox*, prints it if present, and asks if it should be saved. If the answer is **y**, the mail is renamed *mbox*, otherwise it is deleted. *Mail* with a **-y** or **-n** argument works the same way, except that the answer to the question is supplied by the argument.

When followed by the names of a letter and one or more people, the letter is prepended to each person's *mailbox*. When a *person* is specified without a *letter*, the letter is taken from the sender's standard input up to an EOT. Each letter is preceded by the sender's name and a post-mark.

A *person* is either a user name recognized by **login**, in which case the mail is sent to the default working directory of that user, or the path name of a directory, in which case *mailbox* in that directory is used.

When a user logs in he is informed of the presence of mail.

FILES

/etc/passwd	to identify sender and locate persons
mailbox	input mail
mbox	saved mail
/tmp/mtm?	temp file

SEE ALSO

login (I)

BUGS