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mail − send mail to designated users

SYNOPSIS

mail [**-yn**] [person ...]

DESCRIPTION

Mail with no argument searches for a file called prints it if it is nonempty, then asks if it should be saved. If the answer is **y,** the mail is added to *mbox.* Finally is truncated to zero length. To leave the mailbox untouched, hit 'delete.' The question can be answered on the command line with the argument '-y' or '-n'.

When *persons* are named, *mail* takes the standard input up to an end of file and adds it to each *person's* file. The message is preceded by the sender's name and a postmark.

A *person* is either a user name recognized by *login* (I), 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 in that directory is used.

When a user logs in he is informed of the presence of mail. No mail will be received from a sender to whom is inaccessible or unwritable.

FILES

/etc/passwd	to identify sender and locate persons
/etc/utmp	to identify sender
.mail	input mail
mbox	saved mail
/tmp/m# temp file	

SEE ALSO

write (I)

BUGS