

NAME

chown - change owner

SYNOPSIS

chown (*name*, *owner*)
char **name*;

DESCRIPTION

The file whose name is given by the null-terminated string pointed to by *name* has its owner changed to *owner* (a numerical user ID). Only the present owner of a file (or the super-user) may donate the file to another user. Changing the owner of a file removes the set-user-ID protection bit unless it is done by the super-user.

SEE ALSO

chown(1), chgrp(2), passwd(5)

DIAGNOSTICS

The error bit (c-bit) is set on illegal owner changes. From C a -1 returned value indicates error, 0 indicates success.