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`mv` — move or rename a file

SYNOPSIS

`mv` [`-f`] *name1* *name2*

DESCRIPTION

Mv changes the name of a file from *name1* to *name2*. If *name2* is a directory, *name1* is moved to that directory with its original file-name. Directories may only be moved within the same parent directory (just renamed).

If *name2* already exists, it is removed before *name1* is renamed. If *name2* has a mode which forbids writing, *mv* prints the mode and reads the standard input to obtain a line; if the line begins with *y*, the move takes place; if not, *mv* exits. The optional argument `-f` allows the move to take place without verification.

If *name2* would lie on a different file system, so that a simple rename is impossible, *mv* copies the file and deletes the original.

BUGS