

NAME

`mv` – move (rename) files

SYNOPSIS

`mv` [*OPTION*]... *SOURCE DEST*

`mv` [*OPTION*]... *SOURCE... DIRECTORY*

`mv` [*OPTION*]... `--target-directory=`*DIRECTORY SOURCE...*

DESCRIPTION

Rename *SOURCE* to *DEST*, or move *SOURCE*(s) to *DIRECTORY*.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options too.

`--backup[=`*CONTROL*`]`

make a backup of each existing destination file

`-b` like `--backup` but does not accept an argument

`-f, --force`

do not prompt before overwriting equivalent to `--reply=yes`

`-i, --interactive`

prompt before overwrite equivalent to `--reply=query`

`--reply={yes,no,query}`

specify how to handle the prompt about an existing destination file

`--strip-trailing-slashes` remove any trailing slashes from each *SOURCE* argument

`-S, --suffix=`*SUFFIX*

override the usual backup suffix

`--target-directory=`*DIRECTORY*

move all *SOURCE* arguments into *DIRECTORY*

`-u, --update`

move only when the *SOURCE* file is newer than the destination file or when the destination file is missing

`-v, --verbose`

explain what is being done

`--help` display this help and exit

`--version`

output version information and exit

The backup suffix is ‘~’, unless set with `--suffix` or `SIMPLE_BACKUP_SUFFIX`. The version control method may be selected via the `--backup` option or through the `VERSION_CONTROL` environment variable. Here are the values:

none, off

never make backups (even if `--backup` is given)

numbered, t

make numbered backups

existing, nil

numbered if numbered backups exist, simple otherwise

simple, never

always make simple backups

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SEE ALSO

The full documentation for **mv** is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the **info** and **mv** programs are properly installed at your site, the command

info mv

should give you access to the complete manual.