NAME

chown — change owner and group of a file

SYNOPSIS

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

DESCRIPTION

The file whose name is given by the null-terminated string pointed to by *name* has its *owner* and *group* changed as specified. 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 and set-group-ID protection bits, 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.

ASSEMBLER

(chown = 16.)
sys chown; name; owner; group