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General Commands Manual

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NAME

chown - Change file owner and group

SYNOPSIS

chown [--help] [-c|--changes] [--from] [--preserve-root] [--no-preserve-root] [--quiet]
[-R|--recursive] [--reference] [-f|--silent] [-v|--verbose] [-H] [-L] [-P] [--derefer-
ence] [-h|--no-dereference] [-V|--version]

DESCRIPTION

Change file owner and group

OPTIONS

--help Print help information.

-c, --changes

like verbose but report only when a change is made

--from <CURRENT_OWNER:CURRENT_GROUP>

change the owner and/or group of each file only if its current owner and/or group

match those specified here. Either may be omitted, in which case a match is not re-

quired for the omitted attribute

--preserve-root

fail to operate recursively on '/'

--no-preserve-root

do not treat '/' specially (the default)

--quiet

suppress most error messages

-R, --recursive

operate on files and directories recursively

--reference <RFILE>

use RFILE's owner and group rather than specifying OWNER:GROUP values

-f, --silent

-v, --verbose

output a diagnostic for every file processed

-H if a command line argument is a symbolic link to a directory, traverse it

-L traverse every symbolic link to a directory encountered

-P do not traverse any symbolic links (default)

--dereference

affect the referent of each symbolic link (this is the default), rather than the sym?

bolic link itself

-h, --no-dereference

affect symbolic links instead of any referenced file (useful only on systems that can

change the ownership of a symlink)

-V, --version

Print version

VERSION

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