

NAME

chgrp – change group ownership

SYNOPSIS

chgrp [*OPTION*]... *GROUP FILE*...

chgrp [*OPTION*]... *--reference=RFILE FILE*...

DESCRIPTION

Change the group of each *FILE* to *GROUP*. With *--reference*, change the group of each *FILE* to that of *RFILE*.

-c, --changes

like verbose but report only when a change is made

-f, --silent, --quiet

suppress most error messages

-v, --verbose

output a diagnostic for every file processed

--dereference

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

--from=CURRENT_OWNER:CURRENT_GROUP

change the ownership 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 required for the omitted attribute

--no-preserve-root

do not treat '/' specially (the default)

--preserve-root

fail to operate recursively on '/'

--reference=RFILE

use *RFILE*'s ownership rather than specifying values. *RFILE* is always dereferenced if a symbolic link.

-R, --recursive

operate on files and directories recursively

The following options modify how a hierarchy is traversed when the **-R** option is also specified. If more than one is specified, only the final one takes effect. **-P** is the default.

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

-L traverse every symbolic link to a directory encountered

-P do not traverse any symbolic links

--help display this help and exit

--version

output version information and exit

EXAMPLES

chgrp staff /u

Change the group of /u to "staff".

chgrp -hR staff /u

Change the group of /u and subfiles to "staff".

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REPORTING BUGS

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GNU coreutils home page: [<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>](https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/)

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SEE ALSO

chown(1), **chown(2)**

Full documentation [<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/chgrp>](https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/chgrp)
or available locally via: `info '(coreutils) chgrp invocation'`

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