

NAME

news — print news items

SYNOPSIS

news [**-a**] [**-g** grpname] [**-n**] [items]

DESCRIPTION

News is used to keep the user informed of current events. By convention, these events are described by files in the directory */usr/news*.

When invoked without arguments, *news* prints the contents of all current files, owned by group "other" or owned by the user's group, in */usr/news*, most recent first, with each preceded by an appropriate header. If the **-g** grpname option is specified (any number of times) files owned by the named groups are also printed. The group name *all* is special and means all groups, or in other words all current news items. *News* stores the "currency" time as the modification date of a file named **.news_time** in the user's home directory (the identity of this directory is determined by the environment variable **\$HOME**); only files more recent than this will henceforth be considered "current."

The **-a** option causes *news* to print all items, regardless of currency. In this case, the stored time is not changed.

The **-n** option causes *news* to report the names of the current items without printing their contents, and without changing the stored time. It is useful to include such an invocation of *news* in one's **.profile** file, or in the system's **/etc/profile**.

All other arguments are assumed to be specific news items that are to be printed.

If a *delete* is typed during the printing of a news item, printing stops and the next item is started. A second *delete* within a second of the first causes the program to terminate.

FILES

/etc/profile
*/usr/news/**
\$HOME/.news_time

SEE ALSO

profile(5), *environ*(7).