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## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'nameif.8' command***

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#### NAME

nameif - name network interfaces based on MAC addresses

#### SYNOPSIS

nameif [-c configfile] [-s]

nameif [-c configfile] [-s] {interface macaddress}

#### NOTE

This program is obsolete. For replacement check ip link. This functionality is also much better provided by udev methods.

#### DESCRIPTION

nameif renames network interfaces based on mac addresses. When no arguments are given /etc/mactab is read. Each line of it contains an interface name and a Ethernet MAC address. Comments are allowed starting with #. Otherwise the interfaces specified on the command line are processed. nameif looks for the interface with the given MAC address and renames it to the name given.

When the -s argument is given all error messages go to the syslog.

When the -c argument is given with a file name that file is read instead of /etc/mactab.

#### NOTES

nameif should be run before the interface is up, otherwise it'll fail.

#### FILES

/etc/mactab

## SEE ALSO

ip(8), udev(7)

## BUGS

Only works for Ethernet currently.

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