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LN(1) User Commands LN(1)

NAME

ln - make links between files

SYNOPSIS

ln [OPTION]... [-T] TARGET LINK_NAME

ln [OPTION]... TARGET

ln [OPTION]... TARGET... DIRECTORY

ln [OPTION]... -t DIRECTORY TARGET...

DESCRIPTION

In the 1st form, create a link to TARGET with the name LINK_NAME. In the 2nd form, create a link to TARGET in the current directory. In the 3rd and 4th forms, create links to each TARGET in DIRECTORY. Create hard links by default, symbolic links with --symbolic. By default, each destination (name of new link) should not already exist. When creating hard links, each TARGET must exist. Symbolic links can hold arbitrary text; if later resolved, a relative link is interpreted in relation to its parent directory.

Mandatory arguments to long options are mandatory for short options

too.

`--backup[=CONTROL]`

make a backup of each existing destination file

`-b` like `--backup` but does not accept an argument

`-d, -F, --directory`

allow the superuser to attempt to hard link directories (note: will probably fail due to system restrictions, even for the `su?` peruser)

`-f, --force`

remove existing destination files

`-i, --interactive`

prompt whether to remove destinations

`-L, --logical`

dereference TARGETs that are symbolic links

`-n, --no-dereference`

treat `LINK_NAME` as a normal file if it is a symbolic link to a directory

`-P, --physical`

make hard links directly to symbolic links

`-r, --relative`

create symbolic links relative to link location

`-s, --symbolic`

make symbolic links instead of hard links

`-S, --suffix=SUFFIX`

override the usual backup suffix

`-t, --target-directory=DIRECTORY`

specify the `DIRECTORY` in which to create the links

`-T, --no-target-directory`

treat `LINK_NAME` as a normal file always

`-v, --verbose`

print name of each linked file

`--help` display this help and exit

`--version`

output version information and exit

The backup suffix is '~', unless set with --suffix or SIM?

PLE_BACKUP_SUFFIX. The version control method may be selected via the --backup option or through the VERSION_CONTROL environment variable.

Here are the values:

none, off

never make backups (even if --backup is given)

numbered, t

make numbered backups

existing, nil

numbered if numbered backups exist, simple otherwise

simple, never

always make simple backups

Using -s ignores -L and -P. Otherwise, the last option specified controls behavior when a TARGET is a symbolic link, defaulting to -P.

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SEE ALSO

link(2), symlink(2)

Full documentation <<https://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/ln>>

or available locally via: info '(coreutils) In invocation'