NAME

news – print news items

SYNOPSIS

news [**–a**] [**–n**] [**–s**] [*items*]

AVAILABILITY

SUNWesu

DESCRIPTION

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

When invoked without arguments, **news** prints the contents of all current files in **/var/news**, most recent first, with each preceded by an appropriate header. **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 currency time are considered ‘‘current.’’

OPTIONS

–a **news** prints all items, regardless of currency. In this case, the stored time is not changed.

–n **news** reports the names of the current items without printing their contents, and without changing the stored time.

–s **news** reports how many current items exist, without printing their names or 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. Another *delete* within one second of the first causes the program to terminate.

ENVIRONMENT

If any of the **LC_∗** variables (**LC_CTYPE, LC_MESSAGES, LC_TIME, LC_COLLATE, LC_NUMERIC,** and **LC_MONETARY**) (see **environ**(5)) are not set in the environment, the operational behavior of **news** for each corresponding locale category is determined by the value of the **LANG** environment variable. If **LC_ALL** is set, its contents are used to override both the **LANG** and the other **LC_∗** variables. If none of the above variables is set in the environment, the "C" (U.S. style) locale determines how **news** behaves.

LC_CTYPE

Determines how **news** handles characters. When **LC_CTYPE** is set to a valid value, **news** can display and handle text and filenames containing valid characters for that locale. **news** can display and handle Extended Unix Code (EUC) characters where any individual character can be 1, 2, or 3 bytes wide. **news** can also handle EUC characters of 1, 2, or more column widths. In the "C" locale, only characters from ISO 8859-1 are valid.

FILES

/etc/profile
/var/news/*
$HOME/.news_time

SEE ALSO

profile(4), **environ**(5)