

**NAME**

**mv** — move (rename) files

**SYNOPSIS**

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mv [OPTION]... [-T] SOURCE DEST
mv [OPTION]... SOURCE... DIRECTORY
mv [OPTION]... -t DIRECTORY SOURCE...
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**DESCRIPTION**

Rename *SOURCE* to *DEST*, or move *SOURCE*(s) to *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
- f**, **--force**
  - do not prompt before overwriting
- i**, **--interactive**
  - prompt before overwrite
- strip-trailing-slashes** remove any trailing slashes from each *SOURCE* argument
- S**, **--suffix**=*SUFFIX*
  - override the usual backup suffix
- t**, **--target-directory**=*DIRECTORY*
  - move all *SOURCE* arguments into *DIRECTORY*
- T**, **--no-target-directory**
  - treat *DEST* as a normal file
- u**, **--update**
  - move only when the *SOURCE* file is newer than the destination file or when the destination file is missing
- v**, **--verbose**
  - explain what is being done
- help**
  - display this help and exit
- version**
  - output version information and exit

The backup suffix is ‘~’, unless set with **--suffix** or `SIMPLE_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

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**SEE ALSO**

The full documentation for **mv** is maintained as a Texinfo manual. If the **info** and **mv** programs are properly installed at your site, the command

**info mv**

should give you access to the complete manual.