

NAME

passwd — change login password

SYNOPSIS

passwd name

DESCRIPTION

This command changes (or installs) a password associated with the login *name*.

The program prompts for the old password (if any) and then for the new one (twice). The caller must supply these. New passwords should be at least four characters long if they use a sufficiently rich alphabet and at least six characters long if monospace. Only the first eight characters of the password are significant.

Only the owner of the name or the super-user may change a password; the owner must prove he knows the old password. Only the super-user can create a null password.

The password file is not changed if the new password is the same as the old password, or if the password has not "aged" sufficiently. (See *passwd(5)*).

FILES

/etc/passwd

SEE ALSO

login(1), passwd(5), crypt(3C)