

NAME

tee — copy to multiple outputs

SYNOPSIS

tee [**-aei**] [*file*]...

DESCRIPTION

Copies the standard input stream to the standard output stream and all *files*, created `a=rw - umask`.

If writing to the standard output stream fails, a diagnostic is issued and the copy is aborted. If opening or writing to a *file* fails, however, a diagnostic is issued and the *file* henceforth ignored (unless **-e**, in which case the copy is aborted).

OPTIONS

-a, --append	Append to <i>files</i> instead of truncating.
-i, --ignore-interrupt	Ignore SIGINT.
-e	Abort the copy on I/O errors to <i>files</i> , instead of ignoring the offender.
-p	Ignored for compatibility with the GNU system.

SIGNALS

SIGINT Ignored if **-i**; default otherwise.

EXIT STATUS

1 on a read, write, or open error.

SEE ALSO

cat(1)

STANDARDS

Conforms to IEEE Std 1003.1-2024 (“POSIX.1”); **-e** is an extension.

HISTORY

Appeared in Version 5 AT&T UNIX as `tee(I)`:

`tee` – pipe fitting

With no flags and very lenient write error handling.

Version 7 AT&T UNIX sees

`tee [-i] [-a] [file] ...`

With **-a** first seeking to the end of the file, instead of strictly appending. `-` functions as an alias for **-i**.

AT&T System III UNIX changes **-a** to actually append.