SU(VIII)   **SU(VIII)**

NAME

su — become privileged user

SYNOPSIS

su

DESCRIPTION

Su allows one to become the super-user, who has all sorts of marvelous (and correspondingly dangerous) powers. In order for *su* to do its magic, the user must supply a password. If the password is correct, *su* will execute the Shell with the user ID of the super-user.

The password demanded is that of the entry "root" in the system's password file.

To remind the super-user of his responsibilities, the Shell substitutes '#' for its usual prompt '$'.

SEE ALSO

sh (I)