

**NAME**

chown – change owner and group of a file

**SYNOPSIS**

(chmod = 16.)

**sys chown; name; owner**

**chown(name, owner)**

**char \*name;**

**DESCRIPTION**

The file whose name is given by the null-terminated string pointed to by *name* has its owner and group changed to the low and high bytes of *owner* respectively. Only the super-user may execute this call, because if users were able to give files away, they could defeat the (nonexistent) file-space accounting procedures.

**SEE ALSO**

chown (VIII), chgrp (VIII), passwd (V)

**DIAGNOSTICS**

The error bit (c-bit) is set on illegal owner changes. From C a -1 returned value indicates error, 0 indicates success.