Identification

Mail command
MAIL

Purpose

To place a file containing a message to another user in his
file directory, whether he is logged in or not.

Usage

> MAIL   NAME1   NAME2 PROB1 PROG1 ... -PROBn- -PROGn-
> MAIL   NAME1   NAME2 '(LIST)' LNAME1   LNAME2   *

NAME1   NAME2 is the name of the file to be mailed. It must
               be line-marked, and no more than 1 record in
               length.

PROBi   PROGi are the users to which mail will be sent.

(LIST)   If the '(LIST)' option is given, the file *
               LNAME1 LNAME2 will be used as a "mailing
               list", and mail will be sent to all PROBi
               PROGi pairs in the file.   The file may be
               card-image or line-marked;   its format is
               free, except that items must be separated by
               spaces.

Mail will be placed in a file named MAIL BOX in the records *
of user PROBi PROGi. If the file already exists, it will be
appended to. Each piece of mail is prefaced with a message
of the form "FROM USRPB USRPG DATE TIME" where USRPB is the
sender's problem number, USRPG is the sender's programmer
number, and DATE and TIME have the usual meanings.   (To
ascertain whether he has received mail, the user should
perioically - daily, perhaps - issue the command 'PRINT MAIL
BOX'. Because of the appending feature of the MAILing
process, the command 'DELETE MAIL BOX' should be issued
after a message has been PRINTed, to avoid having to run
through previous mesages to get to the latest one.)

Any PROBi or PROGi may be '*', meaning "all"; the command *
will search the MFD and send mail to all users (but not to
common files) satisfying the criterion. However, '* *' will
not cause mail to be sent to all users.

Typing the command 'MAIL' without arguments is equivalent to *
asking for instructions on how the command is to be used.

To avoid getting mail, one may place in his tracks a file of
name MAIL BOX with PRIVATE mode.

If an addressee is over his record quota, 'MAIL BOX' will be *
written in temporary mode.

Restriction

If   the   receiver's   MAIL   BOX   is   PRIVATE,   PROTECTED   or
READ-ONLY, mail cannot be delivered.

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