

**NAME**

chgrp - change group ownership

**SYNOPSIS**

**chgrp** [*OPTION*]... *GROUP FILE*...

**chgrp** [*OPTION*]... *--reference=RFILE FILE*...

**DESCRIPTION**

Change the group of each *FILE* to *GROUP*. With **--reference**, c hange the group of each *FILE* to that of *RFILE*.

**-c, --changes**

like verbose but report only when a change is made

**-f, --silent, --quiet**

suppress most error messages

**-v, --verbose**

output a diagnostic for every file processed

**--dereference**

affect the referent of each symbolic link (this is the default), rather than the symbolic link itself

**-h, --no-dereference**

affect symbolic links instead of any referenced file (useful only on systems that can change the ownership of a symlink)

**--no-preserve-root**

do not treat '/' specially (the default)

**--preserve-root**

fail to operate recursively on '/'

**--reference=RFILE**

use *RFILE*'s group rather than specifying a *GROUP* value

**-R, --recursive**

operate on files and directories recursively

The following options modify how a hierarchy is traversed when the **-R** option is also specified. If more than one is specified, only the final one takes effect.

**-H** if a command line argument is a symbolic link to a directory, traverse it

**-L** traverse every symbolic link to a directory encountered

**-P** do not traverse any symbolic links (default)

**--help** display this help and exit

**--version**

output version information and exit

**EXAMPLES**

chgrp staff /u

Change the group of /u to staff.

chgrp -hR staff /u

Change the group of /u and subfiles to staff.

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**REPORTING BUGS**

GNU coreutils online help: <<http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/>>

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**SEE ALSO**

[chown\(1\)](#), [chown\(2\)](#)

Full documentation at: <<http://www.gnu.org/software/coreutils/chgrp>>  
or available locally via: info (coreutils) chgrp invocation