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CHROOT(I)   **CHROOT(I)**

NAME

chroot − change root directory for a command

SYNOPSIS

chroot newroot command

DESCRIPTION

The given command is executed *relative to the new root.* The meaning of any initial slashes ("/") in path names is changed for a command and any of its children to **newroot.** Furthermore, the initial working directory is **newroot.**

Notice that **chroot newroot command** > **x** will create the file x relative to the original root, not the new one.

This command is restricted to the super user.

The new root pathname is always absolute: even if a *chroot* is currently in effect, the **newroot** argument is relative to the real root of the running system.

SEE ALSO

chroot(II)

BUGS

It is unwise and generally disastrous to reference special files in the new root file system.