

NAME

clri - clear an inode

SYNOPSIS

clri *special_device inode_number ...*

DESCRIPTION

The clri utility is obsoleted for normal file system repair work by fsck(8).

The **clri** utility zeroes out the inodes with the specified inode number(s) on the file system residing on the given *special_device*. The **fsck(8)** utility is usually run after **clri** to reclaim the zeroed inode(s) and the blocks previously claimed by those inode(s). Both read and write permission are required on the specified *special_device*.

The primary purpose of this routine is to remove a file which for some reason is not being properly handled by **fsck(8)**. Once removed, it is anticipated that **fsck(8)** will be able to clean up the resulting mess.

SEE ALSO

fsck(8), **fsdb(8)**

HISTORY

The **clri** utility first appeared in Version 6 AT&T UNIX.

BUGS

If the file is open, the work of **clri** will be lost when the inode is written back to disk from the inode cache.