

NAME

hostname - set or print name of current host system

SYNOPSIS

hostname [-f] [-s | -d] [*name-of-host*]

DESCRIPTION

The **hostname** utility prints the name of the current host. The super-user can set the hostname by supplying an argument; this is usually done in the initialization script */etc/rc.d/hostname*, normally run at boot time. This script uses the *hostname* variable in */etc/rc.conf*.

Options:

- f** Include domain information in the printed name. This is the default behavior.
- s** Trim off any domain information from the printed name.
- d** Only print domain information.

EXAMPLES

Set the host name of the machine and check the result:

```
$ hostname beastie.localdomain.org
$ hostname
beastie.localdomain.org
```

Do not show domain information:

```
$ hostname -s
beastie
```

Show only domain information:

```
$ hostname -d
localdomain.org
```

SEE ALSO

gethostname(3), rc.conf(5)

HISTORY

The **hostname** command appeared in 4.2BSD.