NAME

nohup - invoke a utility immune to hangups

SYNOPSIS

nohup [**--**] *utility* [*arguments*]

DESCRIPTION

The **nohup** utility invokes *utility* with its *arguments* and at this time sets the signal SIGHUP to be ignored. If the standard output is a terminal, the standard output is appended to the file *nohup.out* in the current directory. If standard error is a terminal, it is directed to the same place as the standard output.

Some shells may provide a builtin **nohup** command which is similar or identical to this utility. Consult the builtin(1) manual page.

ENVIRONMENT

The following variables are utilized by **nohup**:

HOME

If the output file *nohup.out* cannot be created in the current directory, the **nohup** utility uses the directory named by HOME to create the file.

PATH

Used to locate the requested *utility* if the name contains no '/' characters.

EXIT STATUS

The **nohup** utility exits with one of the following values:

126   The *utility* was found, but could not be invoked.

127   The *utility* could not be found or an error occurred in **nohup**.

Otherwise, the exit status of **nohup** will be that of *utility*.

SEE ALSO

builtin(1), csh(1), timeout(1), signal(3), daemon(8)

STANDARDS

The **nohup** utility is expected to be IEEE Std 1003.2 ("POSIX.2") compatible.

BUGS

Two or more instances of **nohup** can append to the same file, which makes for a confusing output.