

NAME

sync - force completion of pending disk writes (flush cache)

SYNOPSIS

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DESCRIPTION

The **sync** utility can be called to ensure that all disk writes have been completed before the processor is halted in a way not suitably done by **reboot(8)** or **halt(8)**. Generally, it is preferable to use **reboot(8)** or **halt(8)** to shut down the system, as they may perform additional actions such as resynchronizing the hardware clock and flushing internal caches before performing a final **sync**.

The **sync** utility utilizes the **sync(2)** function call.

SEE ALSO

fsync(2), **sync(2)**, **syncer(4)**, **halt(8)**, **reboot(8)**

HISTORY

A **sync** utility appeared in Version 4 AT&T UNIX.