

**NAME**

**tee** - duplicate standard input

**SYNOPSIS**

**tee** [-ai] [*file* ...]

**DESCRIPTION**

The **tee** utility copies standard input to standard output, making a copy in zero or more files. The output is unbuffered.

The following options are available:

**-a**     Append the output to the files rather than overwriting them.

**-i**     Ignore the SIGINT signal.

The following operands are available:

*file*    A pathname of an output *file*.

The **tee** utility takes the default action for all signals, except in the event of the **-i** option.

**EXIT STATUS**

The **tee** utility exits 0 on success, and >0 if an error occurs.

**EXAMPLES**

Send the echoed message both to stdout and to the *greetings.txt* file:

```
$ echo "Hello" | tee greetings.txt
Hello
```

**STANDARDS**

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

**HISTORY**

The **tee** command first appeared in Version 7 AT&T UNIX.