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Introduction:

This file describes how to invoke and use the MAIL program. It lists the commands available from the question mark (?) prompt in when reading MAIL. See tilde.hlp for tilde (~) escape commands available when sending mail.

Command line options

The MAIL program is used for both sending and receiving mail. The options available depend whether you wish to send or receive mail. For sending mail interactively, the syntax is:

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mail -s "subject" addressees
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If the -s "subject" is omitted, the user is prompted for a subject. Addressees must be specified, and are in the form listed below. For receiving mail, the syntax is:

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mail -f filename  
mail -u userid
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where filename is the mailbox to be read using the syntax described below for filenames, or userid is the user id whose system mailbox is to be read. The default is to read your own system mailbox.

Types of operands

In the list of available commands, items refers to one or more items in the mail box. These items can be specified in the following fashion:

Item Number	A single numeric value, the special character dot (.) to specify the current item, or the special character dollar sign (\$) to specify the last item in the mailbox.
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