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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
```

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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