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CTSS BULLETIN #27

The following changes to commands DELETE, RENAME, and CHMODE will be effective May 18th.

DELETE a₁ b₁ a₂ b₂ ... a_n b_n

deletes all versions of files a₁ b₁, if possible. If a₁ b₁ is R1 mode (read only class one), the following message will be printed:

a₁ b₁ R1 MODE. DO YOU WANT TO DELETE IT,

If a₁ b₁ is to be deleted, type "yes" after the comma; if a₁ b₁ is not to be deleted, type "no".

If a₁ b₁ is R2 mode (read only class two), the a₁ b₁ will not be deleted and the following message will be printed:

*ATTEMPT TO DELETE FILE IN READ ONLY MODE

If for any reason a₁ b₁ cannot be deleted a comment is printed.

If b₁ = *, all files with primary name a₁ will be deleted.
If a₁ = *, all files with secondary name b₁ will be deleted.

CHMODE a₁ b₁ m₁ a₂ b₂ m₂ ... a_n b_n m_n

(where m₁ must be 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, T, P, R1, or R2) changes the mode of files a₁ b₁, if possible. If the mode of a₁ b₁ cannot be changed, a comment will be printed.

If a₁ b₁ is R2 mode, the mode will not be changed and the following message will be printed:

** TRIED TO RENAME READ ONLY CLASS 2

a₁ or b₁ may be * with the conventions described above.

RENAME a₁ b₁ c₁ d₁ a₂ b₂ c₂ d₂ ... a_n b_n c_n d_n

changes name a₁ b₁ to c₁ d₁ if possible. All other files names c₁ d₁ will be deleted before renaming a₁ b₁. If c₁ d₁ is R1 mode, the user has the choice of deleting it as described under DELETE.

If c_1 d_1 cannot be deleted or if a_1 b_1 is R2 mode, renaming will not be done. If a_1 b_1 is R2 mode, the following message is printed:

** TRIED TO RENAME READ ONLY CLASS 2

If for any reason a_1 b_1 cannot be renamed, a comment will be printed.

If $a_1 = *$, c_1 must be *, and only the secondary name is changed.
If $b_1 = *$, d_1 must be *, and only the primary name is changed.

If d_n is missing, it is assumed to equal b_n .