

**NAME**

batch - run a process overnight

**SYNOPSIS**

batch <filename>

**DESCRIPTION**

The "batch" command is used to run large processes overnight. The first (and only) argument is the name of a file containing a list of commands to be executed. Batch requests will be queued and then executed at 8:00 P.M. every evening. Output will be placed in the users home directory in a file named "bat####.#.out". The starting and ending time for each batch process will be recorded in the file "batch.log" in the users home directory. In order to run "batch" the shell variables "\$HOME" and "\$PATH" must be defined.

**FILES**

/usr/bin/batch  
/usr/bin/batchrun  
/usr/lib/crontab  
/etc/batch0  
/etc/bat.lck

**BUGS**

If two people attempt to enter a batch request at the same time - one user will get a "TRY AGAIN LATER" message.

