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chown

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Synopsis

Change the owner of a file

Syntax

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Integer_Type chown (String_Type file, Integer_Type uid, Integer_Type gid)
```

Description

The chown function is used to change the user-id and group-id of file to uid and gid, respectively. It returns zero upon success and -1 upon failure, with errno set accordingly.

On most systems, only the super user can change the ownership of a file.

Some systems do not support this function.

See Also

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[chdir](#), [chmod](#), [listdir](#), [lstat file](#), [mkfifo](#), [open](#), [readlink](#), [stat file](#), [stat is](#), [umask](#)

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