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NAME

shift – adjust Shell arguments

SYNOPSIS

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DESCRIPTION

Shift is used in command files to shift the argument list left by 1, so that old \$2 can now be referred to by \$1 and so forth. *Shift* is useful to iterate over several arguments to a command file. For example, the command file

```
while test "$1" != ""
do
echo $1
shift
done
```

prints each of its arguments on a separate line.

Shift is executed within the Shell.

SEE ALSO

sh (I)

BUGS