NAME

shift - adjust Shell arguments

SYNOPSIS

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DESCRIPTION

Shift is used in Shell 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

```
: loop
if $1x = x exit
pr -3 $1
shift
goto loop
```

prints each of its arguments in 3-column format.

Shift is executed within the Shell.

SEE ALSO

sh(I)

BUGS