

ORPHANS is a freeware utility from GreenHouse Software & Consulting.

The TAL program

- lists all orphaned files of a given file set
- gives all orphaned files of a given file set to a new user
- purges all orphaned files of a given file set

**To successfully run ORPHANS, the following attributes will be tested:**

- the ORPHANS process and the terminal process must run on the same system
- the ORPHANS process and the files to be checked have to reside on the same system.

**In other words: For security reasons ORPHANS does NOT run a remote system, or execute remote files.**

When running the program without any parameter, the following help information is displayed:

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ORPHANS lists all orphaned files, matching a given file template.

Optionally, it can purge, or give them to a new ID.

Command syntax:

```
ORPHANS [/OUT <outfile>/] <fileset> [,PURGE <xxx,yyy>|<xxx>.*|* [,PREVIEW]]  
                                     [,GIVE <xxx,yyy>|<xxx>.*|* TO <NewID> [,PREVIEW]]
```

where

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outfile      list file, e.g. a SPOOLER location  
fileset      file name template; wild cards are supported  
xxx,yyy      defines an orphaned ID, e.g. 100,5  
              xxx,yyy does not support wild cards  
xxx,*        defines an orphaned group, e.g. 100,*  
*            an asterisk addresses ALL orphaned IDs  
NewID        is either a GUARDIAN ID (xxx,yyy), or  
              a GUARDIAN user name (ghs.carl), or  
              an Alias name (GreenHouse)  
NewID does not support wild cards
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PURGE <xxx,yyy>|<xxx>.*|*  
      directs ORPHANS to purge files, belonging to  
      - the orphaned ID   (= xxx,yyy), or  
      - the orphaned group (= xxx,*),    or  
      - all orphaned IDs  (= *)
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GIVE <xxx,yyy>|<xxx>.*|* TO NewID  
     directs ORPHANS to give all files, belonging to  
     - the orphaned ID   (= xxx,yyy), or  
     - the orphaned group (= xxx,*),    or  
     - all orphaned IDs  (= *)  
     to the new ID
```

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PREVIEW causes ORPHANS to display those file, which would have been  
given, or purged.
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GUARDIAN and SAFEGUARD security rules are obeyed.

Examples:

```
ORPHANS /OUT $s.#GHS/ $*.*.*
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Lists all orphaned files from all disks to the spooler location #GHD.

```
ORPHANS $GHS?.*.*,PURGE *
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Lists all orphaned files, matching the file name template \$GHS?.\*.\*  
and purges them.

```
ORPHANS $*.GHS.*,GIVE 3,* TO GHS.CARL
```

Gives all files, matching the file name template \$\*.GHS.\* and  
belonging to the orphaned group 3 to GHS.CARL.

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ORPHANS $*.*.*,GIVE 13,* TO GHS.MANAGER, PREVIEW
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Displays all orphaned files, belonging to all orphaned IDs of group 13,  
that would have been given to GHS.MANAGER.