

NAME

ttys – typewriter initialization data

DESCRIPTION

The *ttys* file is read by the *init* program and specifies which typewriter special files are to have a process created for them which will allow people to log in. It consists of lines of 3 characters each.

The first character is either ‘0’ or ‘1’; the former causes the line to be ignored, the latter causes it to be effective. The second character is the last character in the name of a typewriter; e.g. *x* refers to the file ‘/dev/ttyx’. The third character is the offset in a table contained in *init* which selects an initialization program for the line; currently it must be ‘0’ and the only such program is */etc/getty*.

FILES

found in /etc

SEE ALSO

init (VIII)