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Configure BASH, KSH, TCSH, ZSH Shell To Logout User Automatically After Idle Time

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Q. How can I configure the bash shell to logout any user automatically after a period of idle time under Debian Linux or any other UNIX like operating system?

A. BASH, zsh, and ksh allows to logout all ideal user using a shell variable.



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bash, zsh or ksh shell

set TMOUT variable in seconds.

tcsh shell

set autologout variable in seconds.

Append following line to your shell startup file (bash/ksh/zsh):

```
export TMOUT=300
```

If you are using tcsh, enter:

```
set autologout=300
```

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