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Linux or UNIX - Find tty name

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To print the file name of the terminal connected to standard input (keyboard) you need to use command called tty.

This command is available on Solaris, Linux, FreeBSD, and other Unixish operating systems.

The tty utility writes the name of the terminal attached to standard input to standard output.

You can also use who or w command to find out terminal/tty. Type tty command as follows:

\$ tty

Output:

/dev/pts/2

Use following command:

\$ tty

Output:

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/dev/tty3
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You can also use w or who commands to find out tty:

\$ w

Output:

2.7	225		m.T.M.T.	COMMENTE
N.	AME	LINE	TIME	COMMENT
V	ivek	tty1	Feb 6 00:26	
r	oot	tty2	Feb 5 14:57	

OR use who command:

vivek	tty1	Feb	6	00:26

tty2

In above output second column indicates the tty name.

See also:

\$ who

• See w and who command usage - How can I find out who is logged in? [1]

Feb 5 14:57

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