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Linux remove or clear the last login information

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Q. How do I clear or remove last login information? I would like to clear all the login information. I am using Fedora Core 6 Linux.

A. `/var/log/lastlog` file stores user last login information. This is binary file. You need to use `lastlog` command to formats and prints the contents of the last login log `/var/log/lastlog` file.

Following information is printed using `lastlog` command:

=> The login-name

=> Port

=> Last login time



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Task: Display last login information

Simply type `lastlog`:

```
$ lastlog
```

Output:

Username	Port	From	Latest
root	tty1		Thu Jan 25 15:23:50 +0530 2007
daemon			**Never logged in**
bin			**Never logged in**
sys			**Never logged in**
sync			**Never logged in**
vivek	tty1		Sat Jan 27 22:10:36 +0530 2007
pdnsd			**Never logged in**
sshd			**Never logged in**
messagebus			**Never logged in**
bind			**Never logged in**
sweta	tty1		Sat Jan 27 19:55:22 +0530 2007

Note: If the user has never logged in the message "***Never logged in**" will be displayed instead of the port and time.

Task: Clear last login information

Simply overwrite `/var/log/lastlog` file. You must be the root user. First make a backup of `/var/log/lastlog`:

```
# cp /var/log/lastlog /root
```

Now overwrite file using any one of the following command:

```
# >/var/log/lastlog
```

OR

```
# cat > /var/log/lastlog
```

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