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1 1. utmp/wtmp
2 a. /etc/utmp contains the currently logged in users ("who" gets information
3    from this file)
4 b. /usr/adm/wtmp contains the history of logins and logouts
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6 Each entry of both files is of type specified by the following structure:
7
8 struct utmp {
9     char ut_user[8];           /* user name */
10    char ut_line[12];          /* terminal name */
11    char ut_host[16];          /* host name, when remote */
12    time_t ut_time;           /* login/logout time */
13 };
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15 #define ut_name ut_user
16 #define long time_t;          // in <sys/types.h>
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18 1. A "login" entry is completely specified.
19 2. A "logout" entry has a null string for ut_name.
20 3. A "shutdown" or "reboot" entry has an ut_line field containing a "~"
21    (tilde). The ut_name field is usually the name of the program that did
22    the shutdown, or "reboot" at reboot.
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24 Note: /etc/inittab describes how the INIT process should set up the system
25    in a certain run-level (single user/multi user etc, MINIX does not
26    have /etc/inittab).
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28 2. gettyent and endttyent
29 The gettyent and endttyent functions provide an interface to /etc/ttytab.
30 Gettyent() opens the ttytab file if not already open and reads one
31 entry (it returns NULL for EOF).
32 Endttyent() closes the ttytab file.
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34 struct ttyent {
35     char *ty_name;             // Name of the terminal device
36     char *ty_type;             // Terminal type name (see termcap(3))
37     char **ty_getty;           // Program to run (normally getty)
38     char **tty_init;           // Initialization command, normally stty
39 };
40
41 3. Wait() and waitpid()
42 #include <sys/types.h>
43 #include <sys/wait.h>
44
45 pid_t wait(int *status);       // status can be NULL if no info is needed
46 pid_t waitpid(pid_t pid, int *status, int options);
47 typedef int pid_t;           // in <sys/types.h>
48
49 Wait() blocks the caller until a signal is received or one of its
50 child processes terminates. If there are no children, it returns -1.
51 On return from a successful wait call, status is nonzero.
52 The high byte of status contains the low byte of the argument to exit()
53 supplied by the child process. The low byte of the status contains
54 the termination status of the process (see the on-line manual for
55 the macros to evaluate the status).
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57 Waitpid() is used when the parent cannot be blocked (specified in options)
58 or it wants to wait for one particular child (specified in pid; if pid is
59 -1, it waits for any child).
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61 If WNOHANG is specified in "options," waitpid() does not block the caller.
62 It returns -1 if there are no stopped (but not exited --- just wants
63 to report its status) or exited children.
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65 3. Overview of init.c
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67 open /dev/null for stdin
68 open /dev/log (i.e., console) for stdout and stderr
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70 set up signal handlers for SIGHUP, SIGTERM, and SIGABORT
71 executes /etc/rc (sh executes it)
72 log system reboot information in /usr/adm/wtmp
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74 check = 1 // check == 1 if new terminal processes may have to be spawned
75 while(1) {
76     while ((pid = waitpid(-1, NULL, check ? WNOHANG: 0)) > 0) {
77         // a process has terminated
78         if the process is a terminal controlling process,
79             put information in both /etc/utmp and /usr/adm/wtmp,
80             clear the terminal slot entry and check = 1
81     }
82     if (a terminal line hang-up) {
83         clear error counts of all the terminals
84         check = 1
85     }
86     if (abort signal is received (CTL-ALT-DEL)) {
87         execute startup() to have a child process execute "shutdown"
88     }
89     if (not terminating && check) {
90         for each terminal entry in ttytab,
91             if error count is not reached the limit,
92                 execute startup () -- spawn a process and have
93                 it execute getty;
94     }
95     check = 0 // no need to spawn a new process until it receives
96               // a signal or a process dies.
97 }
98
99 startup () // for simplicity, consider a case in which no errors occur
100 {
101     create a pipe for error messages from a child (that will execute getty)
102     to the parent (init);
103
104     pid = fork();
105     if (fork () failed) {
106         // the parent (init)
107         sleep(10); return;
108     }
109     if (a child) { // a terminal controlling process
110         close(input pipe);
111         fcntl(); // have the output pipe closed when exec is issued.
112         setsid(); // create a new session (process group) and make
113                 // this process the session (group) leader
114         line = /dev/tty_name specified in /etc/ttytab;
115
116         close(0) // close /dev/null
117         close(1) // close /dev/log
118         open (/dev/tty_name, O_RDWR); // open stdin (descriptor 0)
119         duplicate stdin to stdout (descriptor 1);
120         if (/etc/ttytab specifies the initialization command (tty_init)) {
121             fork();
122             if (ground child) {
123                 set alarm for 10 sec.
124                 executes the initialization command
125                 (if exec succeeds, the alarm is stopped)
126             }
127             if (child) {
128                 waitpid(ground child) for the termination of the
129                 initialization command.
130             }
131         }
132         dup2(0, 2); // to open /dev/tty_name to be the stderr
133
134         execute tty->getty (i.e., getty()).
135         // if startup() is called from line 160 (startup(0, &TT_REBOOT)),
136         // the child executes "shutdown now CTRL-ALT-DEL"
137         // Note that the output pipe is closed if the exec is successful
138         // because of the fcntl() call above.
139     }
140     // parent (init)
141     record the child (the terminal controlling process) pid in slotp.
142     close (the output pipe);
143     if error is reported by the child process, write error messages in
144     /dev/log
145     close (the input pipe);
146     if (abort flag is off)

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147         write "login" information (pid, tty_name, etc) in /etc/utmp;  
148     reset the error count of this terminal to 0;  
149 }
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