

**NAME**

getttyent, getttynam, settttyent, endtttyent – get ttys file entry

**LIBRARY**

Standard C library (*libc*, *-lc*)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <ttyent.h>

struct ttyent *getttyent(void);
struct ttyent *getttynam(const char *name);

int settttyent(void);
int endtttyent(void);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions provide an interface to the file **\_PATH\_TTYS** (e.g., */etc/ttys*).

The function **setttyent()** opens the file or rewinds it if already open.

The function **endtttyent()** closes the file.

The function **getttynam()** searches for a given terminal name in the file. It returns a pointer to a *ttyent* structure (description below).

The function **getttyent()** opens the file **\_PATH\_TTYS** (if necessary) and returns the first entry. If the file is already open, the next entry. The *ttyent* structure has the form:

```
struct ttyent {
    char *ty_name;      /* terminal device name */
    char *ty_getty;     /* command to execute, usually getty */
    char *ty_type;      /* terminal type for termcap */
    int   ty_status;    /* status flags */
    char *ty_window;    /* command to start up window manager */
    char *ty_comment;   /* comment field */
};
```

*ty\_status* can be:

```
#define TTY_ON      0x01 /* enable logins (start ty_getty program) */
#define TTY_SECURE 0x02 /* allow UID 0 to login */
```

**ATTRIBUTES**

For an explanation of the terms used in this section, see **attributes(7)**.

Interface	Attribute	Value
getttyent(), setttyent(), endtttyent(), getttynam()	Thread safety	MT-Unsafe race:ttyent

**STANDARDS**

Not in POSIX.1. Present on the BSDs, and perhaps other systems.

**NOTES**

Under Linux, the file */etc/ttys*, and the functions described above, are not used.

**SEE ALSO**

**ttynam(3)**, **ttyslot(3)**