

NAME

updwtmp, logwtmp – append an entry to the wtmp file

LIBRARY

System utilities library (*libutil*, *-lutil*)

SYNOPSIS

```
#include <utmp.h>
```

```
void updwtmp(const char *wtmp_file, const struct utmp *ut);
```

```
void logwtmp(const char *line, const char *name, const char *host);
```

DESCRIPTION

updwtmp() appends the utmp structure *ut* to the wtmp file.

logwtmp() constructs a utmp structure using *line*, *name*, *host*, current time, and current process ID. Then it calls **updwtmp()** to append the structure to the wtmp file.

FILES

/var/log/wtmp

database of past user logins

ATTRIBUTES

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

Interface	Attribute	Value
updwtmp() , logwtmp()	Thread safety	MT-Unsafe sig:ALRM timer

STANDARDS

Not in POSIX.1. Present on Solaris, NetBSD, and perhaps other systems.

NOTES

For consistency with the other "utmpx" functions (see **getutxent(3)**), glibc provides (since glibc 2.1):

```
#define _GNU_SOURCE          /* See feature_test_macros(7) */
#include <utmpx.h>
void updwtmpx (const char *wtmpx_file, const struct utmpx *utx);
```

This function performs the same task as **updwtmp()**, but differs in that it takes a *utmpx* structure as its last argument.

SEE ALSO

getutxent(3), **wtmp(5)**