

NAME

wall – write to all users

SYNOPSIS

/etc/wall

DESCRIPTION

Wall reads its standard input until an end-of-file. It then sends this message to all currently logged in users preceded by “Broadcast Message ...”. It is used to warn all users, typically prior to shutting down the system.

The super-user can send to all people logged in, regardless of protections; if used immoderately, this is a quick way to become unpopular.

FILES

/dev/tty?

SEE ALSO

mesg(I), write(I)

DIAGNOSTICS

“Cannot send to ...” when the open on a user’s tty file fails.