

NAME

`gong` – evaluate process performance

SYNOPSIS

`gong` [**`-f`**] [**`-a`**] process-id ...

DESCRIPTION

Gong is used to evaluate the performance of a process that is in execution.

The *process-id* is the process number of the process whose performance is to be evaluated.

The evaluation is performed by a set of three “panelist” routines, each of which analyzes one aspect (time, space, and tonality) of the performance of the process. If any of these routines is not amused by the performance, the process being analyzed is sent the *gong*(II) signal. In addition, the process-id of the evaluated process is written on the standard gong, for possible future corrective action. (It is suggested that the standard gong be an audible alarm for proper effect.) It is expected that after being *gong*(II)ed, the process will promptly commit suicide.

The **f** keyletter argument indicates that *gong* is to invoke *flog*(I) with the *unmerciful* argument if the process does not respond to *gong*(II)ing. In the absence of this argument, the process is continuously *gong*(II)ed, which may lead to the process becoming a deaf zombie.

The **a** keyletter argument indicates that if all three of the panelist routines *gong*(II) a process, the process should be unmercifully *flog*(I)ged whether or not the **f** keyletter is supplied.

FILES

/dev/ding.dong is the standard gong.

SEE ALSO

On the Applicability of Gonging to the Performance and Merit Review Process, *Journal of Irreproducible Results*, vol. 263, issue 19, pp. 253-307.

BUGS

If the named process does not exist, it is possible that *gong* will attempt an evaluation of itself, which may lead to a condition known as compounded double ringing (see *echo*(I)). Therefore, it is recommended that *gong* be used with extreme care.