

NAME

wall - write to all users

SYNOPSIS

wall [-g grpname] [file]

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 from *yourname* (ln??) ...'. It is used to warn all users, typically prior to shutting down the system.

If a file is given *wall* will read the file instead of the standard input.

The sender should be super-user to override any protections the users may have invoked.

If the -g option is used, a legitimate group name must be supplied. In this case the wall goes only to members of the group who are currently logged on to the system.

FILES

/dev/ln??

SEE ALSO

mesg(1), write(1)

DIAGNOSTICS

"Can't fork!"

"Cannot send to ..." when the open on a user's terminal file fails.