

NAME

ac - login accounting

SYNOPSIS

ac [-w *wtmp*] [-p] [-d] *people*

DESCRIPTION

Ac produces a printout giving connect time for each user who has logged in during the life of the current *wtmp* file. A total is also produced. The *-w* option is used to specify an alternate *wtmp* file. The *-p* option prints individual totals; without this option, only totals are printed. The *-d* option causes a printout for each midnight to midnight period. Any *people* after *-p* will limit the printout to only the specified login names. If no *wtmp* file is given, */etc/wtmp* is used.

The accounting file */etc/wtmp* is maintained by *init*, *date*, and *login*. Neither of these programs creates the file, so if it does not exist no connect-time accounting is done. To start accounting, it should be created with length 0. On the other hand if the file is left undisturbed it will grow without bound, so periodically any information desired should be collected and the file truncated.

FILES

/etc/wtmp

SEE ALSO

date(1), *init*(1M), *login*(1), *wtmp*(5)