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## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'tty.4' command***

**\$ man tty.4**

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NAME

    tty - controlling terminal

DESCRIPTION

The file `/dev/tty` is a character file with major number 5 and minor number 0, usually with mode 0666 and ownership root:tty. It is a synonym for the controlling terminal of a process, if any.

In addition to the `ioctl(2)` requests supported by the device that `tty` refers to, the `ioctl(2)` request `TIOCNOTTY` is supported.

TIOCNOTTY

Detach the calling process from its controlling terminal.

If the process is the session leader, then `SIGHUP` and `SIGCONT` signals are sent to the foreground process group and all processes in the current session lose their controlling `tty`.

This `ioctl(2)` call works only on file descriptors connected to `/dev/tty`. It is used by daemon processes when they are invoked by a user at a terminal. The process attempts to `open /dev/tty`. If the `open` succeeds, it detaches itself from the terminal by using `TIOCNOTTY`, while if the `open` fails, it is obviously not attached to a terminal and does not need to detach itself.

FILES

`/dev/tty`

SEE ALSO

chown(1), mknod(1), ioctl(2), ioctl\_console(2), ioctl\_tty(2),  
termios(3), ttyS(4), vcs(4), pty(7), agetty(8), mingetty(8)

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