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Rocky Enterprise Linux 9.2 Manual Pages on command 'mesg.1'

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NAME

mesg - display (or do not display) messages from other users

SYNOPSIS

mesg [option] [n|y]

DESCRIPTION

The mesg utility is invoked by a user to control write access others have to the terminal device associated with standard error output. If write access is allowed, then programs such as talk(1) and write(1) may display messages on the terminal.

Traditionally, write access is allowed by default. However, as users become more conscious of various security risks, there is a trend to remove write access by default, at least for the primary login shell. To make sure your ttys are set the way you want them to be set, mesg should be executed in your login scripts.

The mesg utility silently exits with error status 2 if not executed on terminal. In this case execute mesg is pointless. The command line option --verbose forces mesg to print a warning in this situation. This behaviour has been introduced in version 2.33.

ARGUMENTS

n

Disallow messages.

y

Allow messages to be displayed.

If no arguments are given, mesg shows the current message status on standard error output.

OPTIONS

-v, --verbose

Explain what is being done.

-V, --version

Display version information and exit.

-h, --help

Display help text and exit.

EXIT STATUS

The mesg utility exits with one of the following values:

0

Messages are allowed.

1

Messages are not allowed.

>1

An error has occurred.

FILES

/dev/[pt]ty[pq]?

HISTORY

A mesg command appeared in Version 6 AT&T UNIX.

SEE ALSO

login(1), talk(1), write(1), wall(1), xterm(1)

REPORTING BUGS

For bug reports, use the issue tracker at <https://github.com/karelzak/util-linux/issues>.

AVAILABILITY

The mesg command is part of the util-linux package which can be downloaded from Linux

Kernel Archive <<https://www.kernel.org/pub/linux/utils/util-linux/>>.

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