



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[ppq]?

SEE ALSO

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

HISTORY

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

AVAILABILITY

The mesg command is part of the util-linux package and is available from

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

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