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## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'true.1p' command***

**\$ man true.1p**

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### PROLOG

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### NAME

true ? return true value

### SYNOPSIS

true

### DESCRIPTION

The true utility shall return with exit code zero.

### OPTIONS

None.

### OPERANDS

None.

### STDIN

Not used.

### INPUT FILES

None.

### ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

None.

### ASYNCHRONOUS EVENTS

Default.

## STDOUT

Not used.

## STDERR

Not used.

## OUTPUT FILES

None.

## EXTENDED DESCRIPTION

None.

## EXIT STATUS

Zero.

## CONSEQUENCES OF ERRORS

None.

The following sections are informative.

## APPLICATION USAGE

This utility is typically used in shell scripts, as shown in the `EXAMPLES` section. The special built-in utility `test` is sometimes more efficient than `true`.

## EXAMPLES

This command is executed forever:

```
while true
do
    command
done
```

## RATIONALE

The `true` utility has been retained in this volume of POSIX.1-2017, even though the shell special built-in `test` provides similar functionality, because `true` is widely used in historical scripts and is less cryptic to novice script readers.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

None.

## SEE ALSO

Section 2.9, Shell Commands, `false`

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