

**NAME**

systemd-getty-generator – Generator for enabling getty instances on the console

**SYNOPSIS**

/lib/systemd/system-generators/systemd-getty-generator

**DESCRIPTION**

systemd-getty-generator is a generator that automatically instantiates serial-getty@.service on the kernel console(s), if they can function as ttys and are not provided by the virtual console subsystem. It will also instantiate serial-getty@.service instances for virtualizer consoles, if execution in a virtualized environment is detected. If execution in a container environment is detected, it will instead enable console-getty.service for /dev/console, and container-getty@.service instances for additional container pseudo TTYs as requested by the container manager (see [Container Interface](#)<sup>[1]</sup>). This should ensure that the user is shown a login prompt at the right place, regardless of which environment the system is started in. For example, it is sufficient to redirect the kernel console with a kernel command line argument such as *console=* to get both kernel messages and a getty prompt on a serial TTY. See [kernel-parameters.txt](#)<sup>[2]</sup> for more information on the *console=* kernel parameter.

systemd-getty-generator implements **systemd.generator**(7).

Further information about configuration of gettys can be found in [systemd for Administrators, Part XVI: Gettys on Serial Consoles \(and Elsewhere\)](#)<sup>[3]</sup>.

**SEE ALSO**

**systemd**(1), **agetty**(8)

**NOTES**

1. Container Interface  
[https://systemd.io/CONTAINER\\_INTERFACE](https://systemd.io/CONTAINER_INTERFACE)
2. kernel-parameters.txt  
<https://www.kernel.org/doc/Documentation/admin-guide/kernel-parameters.txt>
3. systemd for Administrators, Part XVI: Gettys on Serial Consoles (and Elsewhere)  
<http://0pointer.de/blog/projects/serial-console.html>