

NAME

accton - enable/disable system accounting

SYNOPSIS

accton [*acctfile*]

DESCRIPTION

The **accton** utility is used for switching system accounting on or off. If called with the argument *acctfile*, system accounting is enabled. The *acctfile* specified must exist prior to starting system accounting, or **accton** will return an error. A record of every process that is started by the `execve(2)` system call and then later exits the system is stored in *acctfile*. The `sa(8)` command may be used to examine the accounting records. If no arguments are given, system accounting is disabled.

FILES

/var/account/acct default accounting file

SEE ALSO

`lastcomm(1)`, `acct(2)`, `acct(5)`, `sa(8)`