

**NAME**

**phones** - remote host phone number data base

**DESCRIPTION**

The file */etc/phones* contains the system-wide private phone numbers for the `tip(1)` program. This file is normally unreadable, and so may contain privileged information. The format of the file is a series of lines of the form: `<system-name>[\t]*<phone-number>`. The system name is one of those defined in the `remote(5)` file and the phone number is constructed from any sequence of characters terminated only by ‘,’ or the end of the line. The ‘=’ and ‘\*’ characters are indicators to the auto call units to pause and wait for a second dial tone (when going through an exchange). The ‘=’ is required by the DF02-AC and the ‘\*’ is required by the BIZCOMP 1030.

Only one phone number per line is permitted. However, if more than one line in the file contains the same system name `tip(1)` will attempt to dial each one in turn, until it establishes a connection.

**FILES**

*/etc/phones*

**SEE ALSO**

`tip(1)`, `remote(5)`

**HISTORY**

The **phones** file appeared in 4.2BSD.