

**NAME**

**endutxent**, **getutxent**, **getutxid**, **getutxline**, **getutxuser**, **pututxline**, **setutxdb**, **setutxent** - user accounting database functions

**LIBRARY**

Standard C Library (libc, -lc)

**SYNOPSIS**

```
#include <utmpx.h>
```

*void*

```
endutxent(void);
```

*struct utmpx \**

```
getutxent(void);
```

*struct utmpx \**

```
getutxid(const struct utmpx *id);
```

*struct utmpx \**

```
getutxline(const struct utmpx *line);
```

*struct utmpx \**

```
getutxuser(const char *user);
```

*struct utmpx \**

```
pututxline(const struct utmpx *utmpx);
```

*int*

```
setutxdb(int type, const char *file);
```

*void*

```
setutxent(void);
```

**DESCRIPTION**

These functions operate on the user accounting database which stores records of various system activities, such as user login and logouts, but also system startups and shutdowns and modifications to the system's clock. The system stores these records in three databases, each having a different purpose:

*/var/run/utx.active*

Log of currently active user login sessions. This file is similar to the traditional *utmp* file. This file only contains process related entries, such as user login and logout records.

*/var/log/utx.lastlogin*

Log of last user login entries per user. This file is similar to the traditional *lastlog* file. This file only contains user login records for users who have at least logged in once.

*/var/log/utx.log*

Log of all entries, sorted by date of addition. This file is similar to the traditional *wtmp* file. This file may contain any type of record described below.

Each entry in these databases is defined by the structure *utmpx* found in the include file `<utmpx.h>`:

```
struct utmpx {
    short    ut_type; /* Type of entry. */
    struct timeval ut_tv; /* Time entry was made. */
    char     ut_id[]; /* Record identifier. */
    pid_t    ut_pid; /* Process ID. */
    char     ut_user[]; /* User login name. */
    char     ut_line[]; /* Device name. */
    char     ut_host[]; /* Remote hostname. */
};
```

The *ut\_type* field indicates the type of the log entry, which can have one of the following values:

EMPTY	No valid user accounting information.
BOOT_TIME	Identifies time of system boot.
SHUTDOWN_TIME	Identifies time of system shutdown.
OLD_TIME	Identifies time when system clock changed.
NEW_TIME	Identifies time after system clock changed.
USER_PROCESS	Identifies a process.
INIT_PROCESS	Identifies a process spawned by the init process.

**LOGIN\_PROCESS** Identifies the session leader of a logged-in user.

**DEAD\_PROCESS** Identifies a session leader who has exited.

Entries of type **INIT\_PROCESS** and **LOGIN\_PROCESS** are not processed by this implementation.

Other fields inside the structure are:

*ut\_tv* The time the event occurred. This field is used for all types of entries, except **EMPTY**.

*ut\_id* An identifier that is used to refer to the entry. This identifier can be used to remove or replace a login entry by writing a new entry to the database containing the same value for *ut\_id*. This field is only applicable to entries of type **USER\_PROCESS**, **INIT\_PROCESS**, **LOGIN\_PROCESS** and **DEAD\_PROCESS**.

*ut\_pid* The process identifier of the session leader of the login session. This field is only applicable to entries of type **USER\_PROCESS**, **INIT\_PROCESS**, **LOGIN\_PROCESS** and **DEAD\_PROCESS**.

*ut\_user* The user login name corresponding with the login session. This field is only applicable to entries of type **USER\_PROCESS** and **INIT\_PROCESS**. For **INIT\_PROCESS** entries this entry typically contains the name of the login process.

*ut\_line* The name of the TTY character device, without the leading */dev/* prefix, corresponding with the device used to facilitate the user login session. If no TTY character device is used, this field is left blank. This field is only applicable to entries of type **USER\_PROCESS** and **LOGIN\_PROCESS**.

*ut\_host*  
The network hostname of the remote system, connecting to perform a user login. If the user login session is not performed across a network, this field is left blank. This field is only applicable to entries of type **USER\_PROCESS**.

This implementation guarantees all inapplicable fields are discarded. The *ut\_user*, *ut\_line* and *ut\_host* fields of the structure returned by the library functions are also guaranteed to be null-terminated in this implementation.

The **getutxent()** function can be used to read the next entry from the user accounting database.

The **getutxid()** function searches for the next entry in the database of which the behaviour is based on the

*ut\_type* field of *id*. If *ut\_type* has a value of BOOT\_TIME, SHUTDOWN\_TIME, OLD\_TIME or NEW\_TIME, it will return the next entry whose *ut\_type* has an equal value. If *ut\_type* has a value of USER\_PROCESS, INIT\_PROCESS, LOGIN\_PROCESS or DEAD\_PROCESS, it will return the next entry whose *ut\_type* has one of the previously mentioned values and whose *ut\_id* is equal.

The **getutxline()** function searches for the next entry in the database whose *ut\_type* has a value of USER\_PROCESS or LOGIN\_PROCESS and whose *ut\_line* is equal to the same field in *line*.

The **getutxuser()** function searches for the next entry in the database whose *ut\_type* has a value of USER\_PROCESS and whose *ut\_user* is equal to *user*.

The previously mentioned functions will automatically try to open the user accounting database if not already done so. The **setutxdb()** and **setutxent()** functions allow the database to be opened manually, causing the offset within the user accounting database to be rewound. The **endutxent()** function closes the database.

The **setutxent()** database always opens the active sessions database. The **setutxdb()** function opens the database identified by *type*, whose value is either UTXDB\_ACTIVE, UTXDB\_LASTLOGIN or UTXDB\_LOG. It will open a custom file with filename *file* instead of the system-default if *file* is not null. Care must be taken that when using a custom filename, *type* still has to match with the actual format, since each database may use its own file format.

The **pututxline()** function writes record *utmpx* to the system-default user accounting databases. The value of *ut\_type* determines which databases are modified.

Entries of type SHUTDOWN\_TIME, OLD\_TIME and NEW\_TIME will only be written to */var/log/utx.log*.

Entries of type USER\_PROCESS will also be written to */var/run/utx.active* and */var/log/utx.lastlogin*.

Entries of type DEAD\_PROCESS will only be written to */var/log/utx.log* and */var/run/utx.active* if a corresponding USER\_PROCESS, INIT\_PROCESS or LOGIN\_PROCESS entry whose *ut\_id* is equal has been found in the latter.

In addition, entries of type BOOT\_TIME and SHUTDOWN\_TIME will cause all existing entries in */var/run/utx.active* to be discarded.

All entries whose type has not been mentioned previously, are discarded by this implementation of **pututxline()**. This implementation also ignores the value of *ut\_tv*.

## RETURN VALUES

The **getutxent()**, **getutxid()**, **getutxline()**, and **getutxuser()** functions return a pointer to an *utmpx* structure that matches the mentioned constraints on success or NULL when reaching the end-of-file or when an error occurs.

The **pututxline()** function returns a pointer to an *utmpx* structure containing a copy of the structure written to disk upon success. It returns NULL when the provided *utmpx* is invalid, or *ut\_type* has a value of DEAD\_PROCESS and an entry with an identifier with a value equal to the field *ut\_id* was not found; the global variable *errno* is set to indicate the error.

The **setutxdb()** function returns 0 if the user accounting database was opened successfully. Otherwise, -1 is returned and the global variable *errno* is set to indicate the error.

## ERRORS

In addition to the error conditions described in `open(2)`, `fdopen(3)`, `fopen(3)`, `fseek(3)`, the **pututxline()** function can generate the following errors:

[ESRCH]           The value of *ut\_type* is DEAD\_PROCESS, and the process entry could not be found.

[EINVAL]           The value of *ut\_type* is not supported by this implementation.

In addition to the error conditions described in `fopen(3)`, the **setutxdb()** function can generate the following errors:

[EINVAL]           The *type* argument contains a value not supported by this implementation.

[EFTYPE]           The file format is invalid.

## SEE ALSO

`last(1)`, `write(1)`, `getpid(2)`, `gettimeofday(2)`, `tty(4)`, `ac(8)`, `newsyslog(8)`, `utx(8)`

## STANDARDS

The **endutxent()**, **getutxent()**, **getutxid()**, **getutxline()** and **setutxent()** functions are expected to conform to IEEE Std 1003.1-2008 ("POSIX.1").

The **pututxline()** function deviates from the standard by writing its records to multiple database files, depending on its *ut\_type*. This prevents the need for special utility functions to update the other databases, such as the **updlastlogx()** and **updwtmpx()** functions which are available in other implementations. It also tries to replace DEAD\_PROCESS entries in the active sessions database when storing USER\_PROCESS entries and no entry with the same value for *ut\_id* has been found. The

standard always requires a new entry to be allocated, which could cause an unbounded growth of the database.

The **getutxuser()** and **setutxdb()** functions, the *ut\_host* field of the *utmpx* structure and SHUTDOWN\_TIME are extensions.

## HISTORY

These functions appeared in FreeBSD 9.0. They replaced the *<utmp.h>* interface.

## AUTHORS

Ed Schouten <*ed@FreeBSD.org*>