

**NAME**

getlogin — get login name

**SYNOPSIS**

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char *getlogin ( )
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**DESCRIPTION**

*Getlogin* returns a pointer to the login name as found in */etc/utmp*. It may be used in conjunction with *getpwnam* to locate the correct password file entry when the same userid is shared by several login names.

If *getlogin* is called within a process that is not attached to a typewriter, it returns **NULL**. The correct procedure for determining the login name is to call *cuserid*, or to call *getlogin* and if it fails, to call *getpwuid*.

**FILES**

*/etc/utmp*

**SEE ALSO**

*cuserid(3S)*, *getpwent(3C)*, *getgrent(3C)*, *utmp(5)*

**DIAGNOSTICS**

Returns **NULL** (0) if name not found.

**BUGS**

The return values point to static data whose content is overwritten by each call.