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4.65 `true` — Return true value

4.65.1 Synopsis

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true
```

4.65.2 Description

The `true` utility shall return with exit code zero.

4.65.3 Options

None.

4.65.4 Operands

None.

4.65.5 External Influences

4.65.5.1 Standard Input

None.

4.65.5.2 Input Files

None.

4.65.5.3 Environment Variables

None.

4.65.5.4 Asynchronous Events

Default.

4.65.6 External Effects

4.65.6.1 Standard Output

None.

4.65.6.2 Standard Error

None.

4.65.6.3 Output Files

None.

4.65.7 Extended Description

None.

4.65.8 Exit Status

The `true` utility always exits with a value of zero.

4.65.9 Consequences of Errors

Default.

4.65.10 Rationale. *(This subclause is not a part of P1003.2)*

Examples, Usage

The `true` utility is typically used in shell scripts. The special built-in utility `:` (see 3.14.2) is sometimes more efficient than `true`.

History of Decisions Made

The `true` utility has been retained in POSIX.2, even though the shell special built-in `:` provides similar functionality, because `true` is widely used in existing scripts and is less cryptic to novice human script readers.

4.66 `tty` — Return user's terminal name

4.66.1 Synopsis

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tty
```

Obsolescent Version :

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tty −s
```

4.66.2 Description

The `tty` utility shall write to the standard output the name of the terminal that is open as standard input. The name that is used shall be equivalent to the string that would be returned by the POSIX.1 {8} *ttyname*() function.

4.66.3 Options

The `tty` utility shall conform to the utility argument syntax guidelines described in 2.10.2.

The following option shall be supported by the implementation:

`−s` (Obsolescent.) Do not write the terminal name. Only the exit status shall be affected by this option. The terminal status shall be determined as if the POSIX.1 {8} *isatty*() function were used.

4.66.4 Operands

None.

4.66.5 External Influences

4.66.5.1 Standard Input

While no input is read from standard input, standard input shall be examined to determine whether or not it is a terminal, and/or to determine the name of the terminal.

4.66.5.2 Input Files

None.