

**NAME**

securetty - file which lists terminals from which root can log in

**DESCRIPTION**

The file */etc/securetty* contains the names of terminals (one per line, without leading */dev/*) which are considered secure for the transmission of certain authentication tokens.

It is used by (some versions of) [login\(1\)](#) to restrict the terminals on which root is allowed to login. See [login.defs\(5\)](#) if you use the shadow suite.

On PAM enabled systems, it is used for the same purpose by [pam\\_securetty\(8\)](#) to restrict the terminals on which empty passwords are accepted.

**FILES**

*/etc/securetty*

**SEE ALSO**

[login\(1\)](#), [login.defs\(5\)](#), [pam\\_securetty\(8\)](#)

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