

NAME

ctrlaltdel - set the function of the Ctrl-Alt-Del combination

SYNOPSIS

ctrlaltdel *hard|soft*

DESCRIPTION

Based on examination of the *linux/kernel/sys.c* code, it is clear that there are two supported functions that the Ctrl-Alt-Del sequence can perform: a *hard* reset, which immediately reboots the computer without calling [sync\(2\)](#) and without any other preparation; and a *soft* reset, which sends the SIGINT (interrupt) signal to the **init** process (this is always the process with PID 1). If this option is used, the **init(8)** program must support this feature. Since there are now several **init(8)** programs in the Linux community, please consult the documentation for the version that you are currently using.

ctrlaltdel is usually used in the */etc/rc.local* file.

OPTIONS

-V, --version

Display version information and exit.

-h, --help

Display help text and exit.

FILES

/etc/rc.local

SEE ALSO

init(8)

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AVAILABILITY

The **ctrlaltdel** command is part of the util-linux package and is available from [Linux Kernel Archive](#).