

NAME

tm - meditate

SYNOPSIS

tm [-number] [time]

DESCRIPTION

Tm causes UNIX to go into a state in which all current activities are suspended for *time* minutes (default is 20). At the beginning of this period, *tm* generates a set of *number* (default 3) transcendental numbers. Then it prints a two- to six-character nonsense syllable (*mantra*) on every logged-in terminal (a *different* syllable on each terminal). For the remainder of the time interval, it repeats these numbers to itself, in random order, binary digit by binary digit (memory permitting), while simultaneously contemplating its kernel. It is suggested users utilize the time thus provided to do some meditating (or praying) themselves. One possibility is to close one's eyes, attempt to shut out one's surroundings, and concentrate on the *mantra* supplied by *tm*. At the end of the time interval, UNIX returns to the suspended activities, refreshed and reinvigorated. Hopefully, so do the users.

FILES

Tm does not use any files, from external influences and distractions.

DIAGNOSTICS

If disturbed for any reason during the interval of meditation, *tm* locks the keyboard on every terminal, prints an unprintable expletive, and unlocks the keyboard. Subsequent UNIX operation may be marked by an unusual number of lost or scrambled files and dropped lines.

BUGS

If *number* is greater than 32,767 (decimal), *tm* appears to generate *rational* numbers for the entire time interval, after which the behavior of the system may be completely *irrational* (i.e. transcendental).

WARNING

Attempts to use *flog(1)* on *tm* are invariably counterproductive.

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