

Debian-User: `who` output keeps showing logins that have really logged out.

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For a few weeks now I've been finding logins listed in the `who` output that are not really logged in. I've found out how to clear them (`cat /dev/null>/var/run/utmp`) but I'd like to cure the problem. The false entries all seem to refer to xterm sessions (running bash but without the `-l` option), but only a few xterm sessions fail to get registered as logged out.

Any suggestions?

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