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                              Finger

The finger service can tell you a great deal of information about
anyone using the Internet.  In fact, some special finger services
have been set up around the Internet to provide quick reference
to critical information.

To get full information about people logged in on the same system
as you enter the command finger.

To get specific information about a certain user, enter the
command: finger [userid].

To get information about someone using a remote computer enter
finger [email address].  For example, finger clinton@whitehouse.gov.

If you use a text editor to create a file in your home directory
called ".plan" and ".project" these files will be displayed when
you are fingered.  (The dot before the file name is very important.
This won't work unless you name the file including the dot.)

Try fingering the following services to get some really
interesting information:


          finger                            To Find Out About
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        jtchern@sandstorm.berkeley.edu      Baseball scores/standings
        aurora@@xi.uleth.ca                 Northern lights
        quake@scec.gps.caltech.edu          S. Cal. earthquake data
        quake@geophys.washington.edu        General earthquake data
        nasanews@space.mit.edu              Nasa press releases
        forecast@typhoon.atmos.colostate.edu Atlantic hurricanes
        drink@csh.rit.edu                   Coke machine at RIT
        @sdsu.edu                           Directory info. at SDSU
        @ucsd.edu                           Directory info. at UCSD
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As the last two lines above indicate, many institutions have
attached phone directory help to the finger service.  This
is often a good way to find out how their systems work.

Related Unix Commands:

who      Shows users currently logged in to your system

talk     Sets up two way screen talk between you and the
         party to which you wish to talk.  Use it like:
         talk [userid].  If the party is on a remote computer
         issued the command: talk [email address], like:
         talk tgray@coyote.csusm.edu.

ytalk    Same as above, but allows multiple parties.




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