

**NAME**

**stty** — inspect and alter teletype and window attributes

**SYNOPSIS**

```
stty [-F teletype]  
stty [-F teletype] -a  
stty [-F teletype] -g  
stty [-F teletype] saved-settings  
stty [-F teletype] sizespeedattribute...
```

**DESCRIPTION**

Writes (some) attributes of *teletype* (the standard input stream by default) or sets them.

By default, a difference from **stty sane** is written as such:

```
speed 38400 baud; rows 48; cols 128; line = 1;  
iutf8 ...
```

or as such:

```
ispeed 38400 baud; ospeed 19200 baud; rows 54; cols 226; line = 0;  
kill = ^Y;  
-brkint -imaxbel ...
```

if the speeds differ.

The first line lists the teletype speed in bits per second (which likely means very little if it's a `pty(4)`), the kernel's idea of the window size, and the current line discipline.

The next line lists the **Special Control Characters** in a visual format — "`<undef>`" if disabled, "M-" if top bit set, then literal if printable, else `^b`.

Subsequent lines list the individual *attributes* for **Input Attributes**, **Output Attributes**, **Control Attributes**, and **Local Attributes**.

## OPTIONS

- F** *teletype* Consult/modify *teletype*, opened `O_RDONLY` | `O_NONBLOCK`, instead of the standard input stream.
- a, --all** Instead of the control characters and attributes that differ between the current settings and the current settings with **sane** applied, list *all* known characters and attributes of the current settings, negated if applicable.
- g, --save** Write current settings in a concise reproducible format suitable for use as *saved-settings*, cf. **Saved Settings**, below.

## ATTRIBUTES

Specifying any attribute except for `[-]drain` suppresses the default output.

### Queries

Write information about *teletype* to the standard output stream.

Query	Information	Format
<b>size</b>	Window size	Rows, then columns, separated by a space
<b>speed</b>	Baud-rate	Single number if the same, otherwise input speed, space, output speed

### Special Control Characters

Must be followed by either the empty string, meaning **0x00**, a single byte, used verbatim, "`^-`" or "`undef`", disabling the character, "`^?`" for DEL (**0x7F**, bottom 7 bits set), "`^b`" where *b* is any byte, of which the bottom **5** bits are used (this most likely corresponds to holding the Control key on your keyboard, then pressing the desired character, and yields distinct favourable results for `@`, the alphabet, brackets, `\`, `^`, and `_`), or an integer.

cc	Index	Purpose	When
<b>intr</b>	VINTR	Send SIGINT to foreground process group	<b>isig</b>
<b>quit</b>	VQUIT	Send SIGQUIT to foreground process group	<b>isig</b>
<b>erase</b>	VERASE	Erase last character	<b>icanon</b>

<b>kill</b>	VKILL	Kill whole line	<b>icanon</b>
<b>eof</b>	VEOF	Discard the <b>eof</b> and terminate line immediately	<b>icanon</b>
<b>eol</b>	VEOL	Alternative keying for the newline	<b>icanon</b>
<b>eol2</b>	VEOL2	Likewise	<b>icanon</b>
<b>swtch</b>	VSWTCH	cf. <b>HISTORY, UNIX System V Release 2.0</b>	SVr2 & sh1(1)
<b>start</b>	VSTART	Resume output suspended with <b>stop</b>	<b>ixon, ixoff</b>
<b>stop</b>	VSTOP	Temporarily halt output to <i>teletype</i>	<b>ixon, ixoff</b>
<b>susp</b>	VSUSP	Send SIGTSTP to foreground process group	<b>isig</b>
<b>rprnt</b>	VREPRINT	Re-echo current input line	<b>ixten &amp; echo</b>
<b>discard</b>	VDISCARD	Toggle <b>flusho</b>	<b>ixten</b>
<b>werase</b>	VWERASE	Erase last word	<b>icanon</b>
<b>lnext</b>	VLNEXT	Next byte is literal — all processing is turned off	<b>ixten</b>
<b>dsusp</b>	VDSUSP	Like <b>susp</b> , but sent when the byte would be read, not instantly	<b>isig</b>
<b>status</b>	VSTATUS	Send SIGINFO to foreground process group	<b>icanon</b>

These are also part of the **Special Control Characters**, but aren't actually characters, and control non-canonical input; as such, they take an integer only:

cc	Index	Purpose	When
<b>min</b>	VMIN	Minimum bytes to return from a <b>read()</b>	<b>-icanon</b>
<b>time</b>	VTIME	Tenths of a second to allow a <b>read()</b> to block	<b>-icanon</b>

If both are nonzero, wait at most **time** after the last received byte that didn't satisfy **min** to return. If nei-

ther — **read()** returns immediately with whatever's available.

### Input Attributes

Except where specified otherwise, these all correspond to flags of the same name, but in upper-case. A BREAK means being on the receiving end of a `tcsetattr(3)`.

Attrib.	Inverse	Purpose	When
<b>ignbrk</b>	<b>-ignbrk</b>	Discard BREAKs	
<b>brkint</b>	<b>-brkint</b>	Send SIGINT to foreground process group under BREAK	<b>-ignbrk</b>
<b>ignpar</b>	<b>-ignpar</b>	Discard framing/parity errors	
<b>parmrk</b>	<b>-parmrk</b>	(see below)	
<b>inpck</b>	<b>-inpck</b>	Check received parity for correctness	
<b>istrip</b>	<b>-istrip</b>	Strip input bytes to 7 bits	
<b>inlcr</b>	<b>-inlcr</b>	Convert input newlines to carriage returns	
<b>igncr</b>	<b>-igncr</b>	Discard input carriage returns	
<b>icrnl</b>	<b>-icrnl</b>	Convert input carriage returns to newlines	
<b>iucLC</b>	<b>-iucLC</b>	Convert upper-case input bytes to lower-case	<b>iexten</b> , after <b>istrip</b>
<b>ixon</b>	<b>-ixon</b>	Handle <b>start</b> and <b>stop</b> and as-described	
<b>ixany</b>	<b>-ixany</b>	Allow any input byte to resume <b>stopped</b> output	<b>ixon</b>
<b>ixoff</b>	<b>-ixoff</b>	Send <b>start</b> and <b>stop</b> to the input to prevent input queue overflow	

**imaxbel** **-imaxbel** Ring bell when input queue full  
**iutf8** **-iutf8** Process input line as UTF-8 instead of byte-wise **icanon**

If **-ignpar** **parmrk**, framing/parity errors yield bytes **0xFF**, **0**, then the erroneous one; to disambiguate, normal **0xFF** bytes are doubled unless **istrip** in this case. If **-ignpar** **-parmrk** — a single **0** byte.

If **-ignbrk** **-parmrk**, a break condition yields a single **0** byte, if **-ignbrk** **parmrk** — **0xFF**, **0**, **0**.

### Output Attributes

These allow correct output to quirky or moving teletypes.

#### Attrib. Inverse Purpose

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<b>opost</b>	<b>-opost</b>	Enable all other <b>Output Attributes</b>
<b>olcuc</b>	<b>-olcuc</b>	Convert lower-case bytes to upper-case for output
<b>onlcr</b>	<b>-onlcr</b>	Output newline as carriage return, newline
<b>ocrnl</b>	<b>-ocrnl</b>	Output carriage return as newline
<b>onocr</b>	<b>-onocr</b>	Don't output carriage return at the first column
<b>onlret</b>	<b>-onlret</b>	Assume newline returns carriage to first column; use <b>cr?</b> delays instead
<b>ofill</b>	<b>-ofill</b>	Transmit <b>0</b> bytes as filler instead of using time-based delays
<b>ofdel</b>	<b>-ofdel</b>	Use DEL ( <b>0x7F</b> )s instead of <b>0s</b>

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**n10** No newline delay

**nl1** Approximately **0.10s** or two filler bytes

**cr0** No carriage return delay

**cr1** Dependent on current column or two filler bytes

**cr2** Approximately **0.10s** or four filler bytes

**cr3** Approximately **0.15s**

**tab0** No tab delay

**tab1** Dependent on current column or two filler bytes

**tab2** Approximately **0.10s** or two filler bytes

**tab3** Expand tabs to spaces

**bs0** No backspace delay

**bs1** Approximately **0.05s** or a filler byte

**ff0** No form-feed delay

**ff1** Approximately **2s**

**vt0** No vertical tab delay

**vt1** Approximately **2s**

**Control Attributes**

<b>Attrib.</b>	<b>Inverse</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Inverse Purpose</b>
		<b>cs5</b> <i>teletype</i> bytes are 5 bits	
		<b>cs6</b> <i>teletype</i> bytes are 6 bits	
		<b>cs7</b> <i>teletype</i> bytes are 7 bits	
		<b>cs8</b> <i>teletype</i> bytes are 8 bits	
<b>cstopb</b>	<b>-cstopb</b>	Send two stop bits	Send one
<b>cread</b>	<b>-cread</b>	Enable receiver	Don't receive (read) anything
<b>parenb</b>	<b>-parenb</b>	Generate a parity bit for each byte	Don't
<b>parodd</b>	<b>-parodd</b>	Odd parity	Even parity
<b>hupcl</b>	<b>-hupcl</b>	Hang up when the last file descriptor for <i>teletype</i> is closed	
<b>clocal</b>	<b>-clocal</b>	Local line — ignore link status	
<b>cmspar</b>	<b>-cmspar</b>	(see below)	Normal parity
<b>crtsets</b>	<b>-crtsets</b>	Hardware flow control	No hardware flow control

If **cmspar -parodd**: space (always-0) parity; if **cmspar parodd**: mark (always-1) parity.

**Local Attributes**

<b>Attrib.</b>	<b>Inverse</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Inverse Purpose</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>isig</b>	<b>-isig</b>	Send signals when <b>intr</b> , <b>quit</b> , <b>susp</b> , or <b>dsusp</b>		

<b>icanon</b>	<b>-icanon</b>	Canonical editable line-buffered input	Raw input, <b>minimally</b> -buffered	
<b>xcase</b>	<b>-xcase</b>	(see below)		<b>icanon</b>
<b>echo</b>	<b>-echo</b>	Echo input back	Input is hidden	
<b>echoe</b>	<b>-echoe</b>	(see below)		<b>icanon &amp; echo</b>
<b>echok</b>	<b>-echok</b>	Represent <b>kill</b> (per <b>[-]echoke</b> )	Echo <b>kill</b> per <b>echoctl</b>	<b>icanon &amp; echo</b>
<b>echoke</b>	<b>-echoke</b>	<b>kill</b> by erasing the whole line	<b>kill</b> by echoing a newline	↑ & <b>echok</b>
<b>echonl</b>	<b>-echonl</b>	Echo newlines regardless of <b>echo</b>		<b>icanon</b>
<b>noflsh</b>	<b>-noflsh</b>	Don't discard buffers when sending signals due to <b>isig</b>		<b>isig</b>
<b>tostop</b>	<b>-tostop</b>	Send <b>SIGTTOU</b> to background process group attempting output		
<b>echoctl</b>	<b>-echoctl</b>	Echo control bytes (sans <b>start, stop</b> ) as <b>^b</b> instead of verbatim		<b>echo</b>
<b>echoprt</b>	<b>-echoprt</b>	(see below)		<b>icanon &amp; echo</b>
<b>flusho</b>	<b>-flusho</b>	Output discarded	Output flowing	
<b>iexten</b>	<b>-iexten</b>	Enable implementation-defined flags		
<b>extproc</b>	<b>-extproc</b>	External processing for <b>pty(4)</b> s, cf. <b>ioctl(TIOCPKT)</b>		
<b>altwerase</b>	<b>-altwerase</b>	Use alternative word-breaking algorithm for <b>werase</b>		

Blocking **SIGTTOU** has the same effect as setting **-tostop** for the process would.

On systems where **xcase** does anything, a backslash followed by a lowercase byte is converted to an uppercase byte, and a backslash followed by any of **' ! ^ ( ) \** becomes **` | ~ { } \**, respectively. Output is written with the mapping applied in reverse.

When erasing (**icanon**) (via **erase**, **werase**, **kill** with **echok echoke**, &c.), if **echo**:

if **echoprt** echo a backslash, each erased column in erasure order; if another byte on the same line is echoed, the first is preceded with a slash; this is friendly to *teletypes* that display to write-once media like paper,

if **echoe** and erased via **erase**  
echo **erase**,

otherwise, echo backspace, space, backspace; this works best for re-writable media since it hides the erased bytes.

On systems where **flusho** does anything, it's enabled by **discard** and disabled by any input.

### Line Speed

Attrib.	Purpose
<i>speed</i>	Equivalent to <b>ospeed</b> <i>speed</i> <b>ispeed</b> <i>speed</i>
<b>ispeed</b> <i>speed</i>	Sets input baud-rate to <i>speed</i> , or same as <b>ospeed</b> if <b>0</b>
<b>ospeed</b> <i>speed</i>	Sets output baud-rate to <i>speed</i> , or hangs up if <b>0</b>

Where *speed* is any of:

<b>50</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>2400</b>	<b>57600</b>	<b>576000</b>	<b>2000000</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>4800</b>	<b>115200</b>	<b>921600</b>	<b>2500000</b>
<b>110</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>9600</b>	<b>230400</b>	<b>1000000</b>	<b>3000000</b>

**134.5 1200 19200 460800 1152000 3500000**  
**150 1800 38400 500000 1500000 4000000**

all of which correspond to directly to the gross-bits-per-second speed of the link, or one of the following:

**0** (see above)  
**134 134.5**  
**exta 19200**  
**extb 38400**

Under Linux, **38400** potentially means **57600**, **115200**, **230400**, **460800**, or some division of the clock, depending on additional link-specific configuration (`ioctl(TIOCSSERIAL)`, `setserial(8)` `spd_hi/spd_vhi/spd_shi/spd_warp/spd_cust divisor`),

### Windowing

These take a single integer; the "window" is the systems's concept of the window dimensions — these won't resize an emulator, but can help get full-size windows and user-space wrapping on a remote system.

<b>Dimension</b>	<b>Dimension</b>	<b>Unit</b>
<b>rows</b>	Vertical	Lines
<b>cols</b>	Horizontal	Columns

**Line Discipline**

Takes a single integer as "**line discipline**", which determines how bytes are packaged for delivery to/from the peer; in many ways this could be considered the "protocol" — "raw serial", X.25, GSM, PPP, &c. There should be no reason to set this manually.

**Flushing**

Argument	Effect
<b>drain</b>	Block until all output is processed (TCSADRAIN); this is the default
<b>-drain</b>	Affect the changes immediately (TCSANOW)

**Combos**

Argument	Effect
<b>ek</b>	Set <b>erase</b> and <b>kill</b> to their default values
<b>raw</b>	Clear <i>all</i> <b>Input Attributes</b> , <b>min 1 time 0 -opost -isig -icanon -xcase</b>
<b>cooked</b>	Set <b>eof</b> and <b>eol</b> to their default values, <b>brkint ignpar istrip icrnl ixon opost isig icanon</b>
<b>sane</b>	Set all <b>Special Control Characters</b> to their default values, <b>-ignbrk brkint -inlcr -igncr icrnl -iucle -ixany -ixoff imaxbel -iutf8 opost -olcuc onlcr -ocrnl -onocr -onlret -ofill -ofdel nl0 cr0 tab0 bs0 ff0 vt0 cread isig icanon -xcase echo echoe echok echoke -echonl -noflsh -tostop echoctl -echoprt -flusho iexten -extproc</b>

## Aliases

Argument	Inverse	Is	Inverse Is
<b>reprint</b>		<b>rprnt</b>	
<b>decctlq</b>	<b>-decctlq</b>	<b>-ixany</b>	<b>ixany</b>
<b>tandem</b>	<b>-tandem</b>	<b>ixoff</b>	<b>-ixoff</b>
<b>tabs</b>	<b>-tabs</b>	<b>tab0</b>	<b>tab3</b>
<b>hup</b>	<b>-hup</b>	<b>hupcl</b>	<b>-hupcl</b>
<b>cbreak</b>	<b>-cbreak</b>	<b>-icanon</b>	<b>icanon</b>
<b>crterase</b>	<b>-crterase</b>	<b>echoe</b>	<b>-echoe</b>
<b>crtkill</b>	<b>-crtkill</b>	<b>echoke</b>	<b>-echoke</b>
<b>ctlecho</b>	<b>-ctlecho</b>	<b>echoctl</b>	<b>-echoctl</b>
<b>prterase</b>	<b>-prterase</b>	<b>echoprt</b>	<b>-echoprt</b>
<b>columns</b>		<b>cols</b>	
	<b>-cooked</b>		<b>raw</b>
	<b>-raw</b>		<b>cooked</b>
<b>lcase</b>	<b>-lcase</b>	<b>LCASE</b>	<b>-LCASE</b>
<b>parity</b>	<b>-parity</b>	<b>evenp</b>	<b>-evenp</b>
	<b>-oddp</b>		<b>-evenp</b>

**Gang Aliases**

<b>Argument</b>	<b>Is</b>
<b>dec</b>	<b>intr ^C erase ^? kill ^U -ixany echoe echoke echoctl</b>
<b>litout</b>	<b>-istrip -opost cs8 -parenb</b>
<b>-litout</b>	<b>istrip opost cs7 parenb</b>
<b>pass8</b>	<b>-istrip cs8 -parenb</b>
<b>-pass8</b>	<b>istrip cs7 parenb</b>
<b>nl</b>	<b>-icrnl -onlcr</b>
<b>-nl</b>	<b>-inlcr -igncr icrnl onlcr -ocrnl -onlret</b>
<b>LCASE</b>	<b>iuclc olcuc xcase</b>
<b>-LCASE</b>	<b>-iuclc -olcuc -xcase</b>
<b>oddp</b>	<b>cs7 parenb parodd</b>
<b>evenp</b>	<b>cs7 parenb -parodd</b>
<b>-evenp</b>	<b>cs8 -parenb</b>
<b>crt</b>	<b>echoe echoke echoctl</b>

**Saved Attributes**

**Input Attributes, Output Attributes, Control Attributes, Local Attributes**, then all **Special Control Characters**, hexadecimal, colon-separated.

Naturally, this doesn't preserve/restore **Windowing** information or the **Line discipline**.

## EXIT STATUS

**1** if *teletype* couldn't be opened, new attributes couldn't be applied, or they weren't fully updated (the state after applying wasn't the state being applied — most likely this means altering a read-only attribute for the *teletype*).

## EXAMPLES

Undo any weird modes, kill line with **^K**:

```
$ stty sane kill ^K
```

Fully-portably save/restore *teletype* state around querying the teletype size (provided the line speed is at least **110**, which all ANSI-X3.64-compliant video terminals support):

```
#!/bin/sh
saved=$(stty -g; printf "rows %u cols %u" $(stty size))
```

```
stty -echo -icanon min 0 time 1
printf '\033[%s' s '99999;99999;H' 6n u
IFS='[;R' read -r _ r c
echo rows $r cols $c
```

**stty** *\$saved*

## SEE ALSO

tcgetattr(3), tcgetwinsize(3), termios(4), tty(4), ascii(7)  
 /proc/tty/lldiscs, under Linux, listing *discipline* mappings

High-level teletype semantics that result from these settings (**raw** and **cooked** in particular):

K. Thompson and D. M. Ritchie, *UNIX Programmer's Manual*, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis\\_v1/UNIX\\_ProgrammersManual\\_Nov71.pdf](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis_v1/UNIX_ProgrammersManual_Nov71.pdf), pp. 162-164, November 3, 1971, /dev/tty0 . . . tty5 (IV).

## STANDARDS

Conforms to the IEEE Std 1003.1-202x (“POSIX.1”), Draft 2.1 base spec, and, except where specified, its XSI parts — **-ag** are standard, also cf. **Standard Attributes**, below. No format is specified: **-a** must include: the **ATTRIBUTES**, separated by spaces, but may (and other implementations do) include additional information; “speed” or “ispeed”/“ospeed” if they’re different, in the format listed in the **DESCRIPTION**, up to the semicolon, of which only “baud” is localisable; and **Special Control Characters** in the format listed in the **DESCRIPTION**, the value being either “<undef>”, if undefined, the literal character if printable, or a “visual representation” thereof — this implementation’s M-prefix for the top bit and ^@ for **0** matches the GNU system.

The default output is to be a "subset" of **-a** — this in general means delta from some default settings (and maybe additional data considered relevant, like **min** and **time** if **-icanon**).

The **-g** output is required to not require quoting (but may field-split, so it shouldn't be quoted for portability) and is required to save all standard **ATTRIBUTES** except **Windowing** information, which is optional (this naturally also excludes the **Line Discipline**). This implementation's format matches the GNU system's, which is equivalent to AT&T System III UNIX.

**-F** is an extension, compatible with the GNU system (4.4BSD spells it **-f**, but that clashes with **-flusho**); **O\_NONBLOCK** means that this can be used on devices that aren't usable yet, and would block if spelled `< teletype` (cf. `open(2)`).

Speeds as reported in no-argument/**-a** output and in **speed** are truncated (i.e. **134.5** is reduced to "**134**"); the former for conformance, the latter for compatibility.

## Standard Attributes

### Queries

**size**, as described; exactly one space.

### Special Control Characters

**intr**, **quit**, **erase**, **kill**, **eof**, **eol**, **start**, **stop**, **susp**, with arguments as-described (except for empty-string-as-0, an extension), but **^b** is defined explicitly for the alphabet, brackets, \, ^, and \_.

**min**, **time**, with just an integer, as-described.

VMIN is allowed to be VEOF, and VTIME VEOU, which is why **raw** and **cooked** set them, respectively.

### Input Attributes

All as-described.

Attrib.	Inverse	Attrib.	Inverse	Attrib.	Inverse	Attrib.	Inverse
<b>ignbrk</b>	<b>-ignbrk</b>	<b>parmrk</b>	<b>-parmrk</b>	<b>inlcr</b>	<b>-inlcr</b>	<b>ixon</b>	<b>-ixon</b>
<b>brkint</b>	<b>-brkint</b>	<b>inpck</b>	<b>-inpck</b>	<b>igncr</b>	<b>-igncr</b>	<b>ixany</b>	<b>-ixany</b>
<b>ignpar</b>	<b>-ignpar</b>	<b>istrip</b>	<b>-istrip</b>	<b>icrnl</b>	<b>-icrnl</b>	<b>ixoff</b>	<b>-ixoff</b>

### Output Attributes

**opost** and **-opost** are part of the base spec, and as-described. All others are shaded XSI:

Attrib.	Inverse	Attrib.	Inverse	Attrib.	Inverse
<b>onlcr</b>	<b>-onlcr</b>	<b>onocr</b>	<b>-onocr</b>	<b>ofill</b>	<b>-ofill</b>

<b>ocrnl</b>	<b>-ocrnl</b>	<b>onlret</b>	<b>-onlret</b>	<b>ofdel</b>	<b>-ofdel</b>
<b>n10</b>	<b>n11</b>				
<b>cr0</b>	<b>cr1</b>	<b>cr2</b>	<b>cr3</b>		
<b>tab0</b>	<b>tab1</b>	<b>tab2</b>	<b>tab3</b>		
<b>bs0</b>	<b>bs1</b>				
<b>ff0</b>	<b>ff1</b>				
<b>vt0</b>	<b>vt1</b>				

### Control Attributes

All as-described.

<b>Attrib.</b>	<b>Inverse</b>	<b>Attrib.</b>	<b>Inverse</b>	<b>Attrib.</b>	<b>Inverse</b>
<b>cs5</b>	<b>cs6</b>	<b>cs7</b>	<b>cs8</b>		
<b>cstopb</b>	<b>-cstopb</b>	<b>parenb</b>	<b>-parenb</b>	<b>hupcl</b>	<b>-hupcl</b>
<b>cread</b>	<b>-cread</b>	<b>parodd</b>	<b>-parodd</b>	<b>clocal</b>	<b>-clocal</b>

### Local Attributes

All a superset of described.

Attrib.	Inverse	Note
<b>isig</b>	<b>-isig</b>	
<b>icanon</b>	<b>-icanon</b>	
<b>echo</b>	<b>-echo</b>	
<b>echoe</b>	<b>-echoe</b>	Defined generically as erasing the last character from the display, else <b>echo</b> applies
<b>echok</b>	<b>-echok</b>	[ <b>-</b> ] <b>echoke</b> selects between the two allowed behaviours
<b>echonl</b>	<b>-echonl</b>	
<b>noflsh</b>	<b>-noflsh</b>	
<b>tostop</b>	<b>-tostop</b>	
<b>iexten</b>	<b>-iexten</b>	If <b>-iexten</b> , <b>icanon</b> , <b>isig</b> , <b>ixon</b> , and <b>ixoff</b> are guaranteed to behave conformantly

### Line Speed

Either "*number*" for "terminal baud rate" or "**ispeed** *number*"/ "**ospeed** *number*" for "terminal input baud rate"/"terminal output baud rate", with **0** semantics as described. The speeds supported are at *least*:

Hang up	B0
<b>50</b> baud	B50
<b>75</b> baud	B75
<b>110</b> baud	B110
<b>134.5</b> baud	B134
<b>150</b> baud	B150

<b>200</b> baud	B200
<b>300</b> baud	B300
<b>600</b> baud	B600
<b>1200</b> baud	B1200
<b>1800</b> baud	B1800
<b>2400</b> baud	B2400
<b>4800</b> baud	B4800
<b>9600</b> baud	B9600
<b>19200</b> baud	B19200
<b>38400</b> baud	B38400

It's unclear what the minimum required mapping to the *numbers* for these is.

### Windowing

**rows** and **cols**, as described.

See also the standard **LINES** and **COLUMNS** environment variables in `environ(7)`.

### Line Discipline

Not part of the standard.

**Flushing**

The standard doesn't require **stty** to use `tcsetattr(3)`, and doesn't specify any flushing characteristics.

**Combos**

<b>ek</b>	As described
<b>sane</b>	"Reset all modes to some reasonable, unspecified, values."
<b>oddp</b>	As described
<b>evenp</b>	As described
<b>-evenp</b>	As described

**Aliases**

All as-described.

<u>Argument</u>	<u>Inverse</u>
<b>tabs</b>	<b>-tabs</b>
<b>hup</b>	<b>-hup</b>
	<b>-raw</b>
<b>parity</b>	<b>-parity</b>
	<b>-oddp</b>

### Gang Aliases

Argument	Inverse	Is	Inverse Is
<b>raw</b>	<b>cooked</b>	(see below)	
<b>nl</b>	<b>-nl</b>	<b>-icrnl</b>	<b>-inlcr -igncr icrnl</b>

**raw** (and **-raw**, **cooked**) is shaded XSI, and supposed to enable (or disable for the inverse) "raw input and output". This raw mode is supposed to be equivalent to "**cs8 erase ^- kill ^- intr ^- quit ^- eof ^- eol ^- -post -inpck**"; what **cooked** is supposed to mean is unclear. This implementation's aliases match the GNU system's.

The additional **-onlcr** for **nl** and **onlcr -ocrnl -onlret** for **-nl** match the GNU system, and, since the additional attributes are shaded XSI while **[-]nl** isn't, may be considered a safe extension.

### Obsolescent Aliases

Version 3 of the Single UNIX Specification ("SUSv3") removes the following, previously marked LEGACY and shaded EX (equivalent to present-day XSI).

Argument	Inverse	Note
<b>iuclc</b>	<b>-iuclc</b>	Defined in terms of characters and only in the <code>POSIX</code> locale; a problem,
<b>olcuc</b>	<b>-olcuc</b>	given that locales are user-space, unlike the line and teletype drivers
<b>xcase</b>	<b>-xcase</b>	Performs "canonical lower and canonical upper presentation", unexplained

**lcase**        **-lcase**  
**LCASE**      **-LCASE**    As described

(Nominally, IEEE Std 1003.1-202x (“POSIX.1”), Draft 2.1 doesn’t contain **-xcase**, but this appears to be a *mistake*: <https://www.mail-archive.com/austin-group-1@opengroup.org/msg10123.html> in the **CHANGE HISTORY**.)

## HISTORY

### UNIX Programmer’s Manual

`gtty(II)` and `stty(II)` syscalls appear in the first edition of the UNIX Programmer’s Manual, operating on the DC11 asynchronous communications interfaces attached (*UNIX Programmer’s Manual*, /dev/tty0 . . . tty5 (IV) ), but not the console (*ibid.*, /dev/tty (IV), p. 161) Teletype Model 33 ASR typewriter which is an integral part of the PDP-11.

`stty(II)` (*ibid.*, p. 135) takes a file descriptor and a pointer to three 16-bit integers, the first of which (*dcrsr*) "is placed into the typewriter’s reader control and status register", and the second (*dcpsr*) "is placed in the printer control and status register" — it then defers to the DC11 manual for their format and "until the typewriter is quiescent" (**drain**, TCSADRAIN); the **BUGS** section notes:

This call should be used with care. It is all too easy to turn off your typewriter.

Indeed, the DC11's two registers are the Receiver Status Register (*RCSR*), laid out as such (in short; read-only bits and bit **8** omitted), compared to the present-day equivalents:

<b>0</b>	<i>DATA TERMINAL READY</i>	Controls receiving data from modem — if <b>0</b> , no input is processed. All too easy indeed!
<b>1</b>	<i>BREAK</i>	Outputs a BREAK if set <code>tcsendbreak(3)</code>
[ <b>3, 4</b> ]	<i>RECEIVER SPEED SELECT</i>	(see below) <code>cfsetispeed(3)</code>
<b>6</b>	<i>INTERRUPT ENABLE</i>	The DC11 will send an interrupt if there's data. Clearing this would likely also "turn off" the teletype.
[ <b>9, 10</b> ]	<i>CHARACTER LENGTH</i>	<b>8</b> – the value, i.e. down to <b>5</b> <code>cs[5678]</code>

and the Transmitter Status Register (*TSCR*) (in short; read-only bits and bit **2** omitted):

<b>0</b>	<i>REQUEST TO SEND</i>	Controls sending data to modem.
[ <b>3, 4</b> ]	<i>TRANSMITTER SPEED SELECT</i>	(see below) <code>cfsetospeed(3)</code>
<b>6</b>	<i>INTERRUPT ENABLE</i>	Send an interrupt if ready to send byte. Setting this inadvertently would most likely have undesirable effects.
<b>8</b>	<i>STOP CODE</i>	<b>2</b> stop bits – the value <code>[-]cstopb</code>

The *SPEED SELECT* fields select between the four speeds available on the specific DC11 model — according to `/etc/init` (VII) (*ibid.*, p. 202) and logging in and logging out (VII) (*ibid.*, p. 208) the default teletype is a **150**-baud Model 37 Teletype with a BREAK at the "login:" prompt selecting the **300**-baud GE TerminiNet 300; `type(I)` (*ibid.*, p. 101) supports printing to **134.5**-baud IBM 2741s — the remaining speed required to disambiguate the model used is **1200** baud, given in `/dev/tty0 . . .`

`tty5` (IV), points squarely at the DC11-AG.

These are described in grueling detail in *DC11 asynchronous line interface manual*, DEC-11-HDCD-D, 5th Printing, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/DEC-11-HDCD-D\\_DC11\\_Asynchronous\\_Line\\_Interface\\_Sep73.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/DEC-11-HDCD-D_DC11_Asynchronous_Line_Interface_Sep73.pdf), Chapter 3 (Operational Programming), Digital Equipment Corporation, Maynard, Massachusetts, September 1973.

The third integer is the *mode*, whose contents "determine the system's treatment of the typewriter" (octal):

```
200 even (M37 tty) parity allowed
100 odd (non-M37 tty) allowed
040 raw mode: wake up on all characters
020 map CR into LF; echo LF or CR as CR-LF
010 don't echo (half duplex)
004 map upper case to lower case on input (M33 TTY)
```

Received bytes with invalid parity are discarded. The closest present-day analogue to 300 is **parodd** to 100 and **parodd** to 200, but allowing both is valid and common in this case.

Raw mode is the moral equivalent of present-day, well, **raw**, but spelled as the inverse of the default **icanon** (with **min 1 time 0**) implied: "every character is passed back immediately to the program. No erase or kill processing is done; the end-of-file character (EOT), the interrupt character (DELETE) and the quit character (FS) are not treated specially."; today, **erase**, **kill**, and **eof** are predicated on **icanon** di-

rectly, and **intr** and **quit** on **isig**.

020 is equivalent to **icrnl onlcr**, "used for GE TermiNet 300's".

010 can be recognised as **-echo** and 004 — **iuclc**.

The delays are hard-coded for the Model 37. It's unclear if they're the same at **300** baud or if they're altered for the TermiNet, except that it (supposedly) works.

The **Special Control Characters** are unchangeable:

**intr** ASCII DELETE (^?, **0x7F**), "sometimes called »rub-out«"; (see below)

**quit** ASCII FS (^ \, **0x1C**), (see below)

**eof** ASCII EOT (End Of Transmission, ^D, **4**), as present-day

**erase** # (with \# typed for literal #), as present-day

**kill** @ (with \@ typed for literal @), as present-day

It's important to note that no additional output processing is done for erasing, à la **echoe -echok**.

**intr** and **quit** represent a primitive form of signals (even before signals got signals, job control is *king*. it is known): "for practical purposes at random" a process whose *control typewriter* — the first `/dev/tty*` file opened by the process, inherited on `fork(II)` (cf. today's similar but much more complex `credentials(7)`); this means all processes in a login session share the same one — matches the one on which the **intr** (**quit**) was received and which hasn't ignored the "signal" by passing **0** to `intr(II)` (*UNIX Programmer's Manual*, p. 122) (`quit(II)` (*ibid.*, p. 127))), is "forced to exit" (and dump core). (If a function is passed to `intr(II)` (`quit(II)`) it is executed, but this causes a cascade of errors

that make it not worthwhile, and, as the **BUGS** proclaim: "I don't know how to make it work".)

Hanging up the call makes all future reads return empty (the Manual calls this simulating end-of-file); nowadays, a **SIGHUP** is also delivered to the foreground process group.

`gtty(II)` (ibid., p. 120), expectedly, copies those three integers into the provided buffer.

`/dev/tty (IV)` (the "hard-wired" "console typewriter") is nominally out-of-scope since `[gs]tty(II)` don't apply to it, but it explicitly cannot be placed in raw mode (it's unclear how that would happen), **quit** is generated with the "alt mode" key, it's always in **iucl** (004) mode, and "a carriage return is echoed when a line-feed is typed" — this doesn't appear to be a documented `stty(II)`able mode, and doesn't appear to have survived as a modern one either.

`type(I)`, or

```
NAME          type -- type on 2741
```

"produces output on an IBM 2741 terminal with a Correspondence type ball." on `/dev/tty5` for reasons too murky to be understood outside of its geographical context and usage procedure from hell. Indeed, the **BUGS** say: "The best thing would be to support 2741's as a standard terminal."

Of interest is also the `hup(I)` (ibid., p. 63) program, which "hangs up the phone on the typewriter which uses it", much like **stty 0** would, but, per **BUGS**, "should not be used; sometimes causes the typewriter channel to be lost".

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The argument names are aligned with the DC11 manual in K. Thompson and D. M. Ritchie, *UNIX Programmer's Manual*, Second Edition, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis\\_v2/v2man.pdf](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis_v2/v2man.pdf), pp. 166-167, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., June 12, 1972, `stty(II)`. `dcrsr` becomes "the typewriter's receiver control and status register" and `dcpsr` — "transmitter control and status register".

The `[-]parodd` and `iucLc` equivalents are clarified:

```
200 even parity allowed on input (e. g. for m37s)
100 odd parity allowed on input
004 map upper case to lower on input (e. g. M33)
```

`echo` is inverted to match present-day:

```
010 echo (full duplex)
```

`icrnl onlcr` is reversed:

```
020 map CR into LF; echo LF or CR as LF-CR
```

and new modes appear in the bottom bits:

```
002 echo and print tabs as spaces
001 inhibit all function delays (e. g. CRTs)
```

where 001 is ideologically equivalent to `n10 cr0 tab0 ff0` and 002 to `tab3` if set and `tab[12]/tab0` if clear/clear but 001.

The reasoning for 020 (**icrnl onlcr**) is expanded past the TermiNets, to "other terminals without the new-line function" — i.e. ones for which a newline doesn't return the carriage.

The top byte of the *mode* is "used to indicate that the terminal is an IBM 2741 and to specify 2741 modes.":

```
400 terminal is an IBM 2741
1000 the 2741 has the transmit interrupt feature
      (currently ignored)
2000 use correspondence code conversion on output
4000 use correspondence code conversion on input
      (currently ignored)
```

400 also ignores modes 331 and selects proper delays.

The counterpart to the "correspondence code" is the default "EBCDIC (e. g. 963 ball and corresponding keyboard)" — since the 2741s are IBM Selectric typewriters, these refer to the two common type balls: the "correspondence" ball (and keyboard) are those of the standard retail Selectric for office correspondence. It's unclear what EBCDIC actually means here, since the counterpart to correspondence is PTT/[E]BCD, neither of which even remotely correspond to a character set encoding<sup>1</sup>.

With this, `type(I)` (*ibid.*, pp. 211-214) becomes

NAME type -- type on single sheet paper  
 copying the input files in chunks of **66** lines, then waiting for a newline between them to allow manual feeding of loose paper.

`ttY0(IV)` (ibid., pp. 211-214), now with eight devices, now explicitly notes the input buffer of **150** characters and echoes a **#** for each one lost. The newline, tab, and form-feed delays are appropriate for the Model 37, but the carriage return delay is appropriate for the GE TermiNet 300. The speeds now listed are also **110** and **600**, which implies heterogeneity in the devices used since any given DC11 is capable of being on-line programmable for one set of four speeds, but this is excluded by the *SPEED SELECT* fields being hard-coded for autodetection.

ASCII EOT, which causes the Model 37 to hang up, is stripped from the output (previously it was sent with wrong parity). No mention is made of formerly-similar special processing for NAK, which would lock the keyboard.

Arrangements for the 2741 (and other supported teletypes) are made automatically with the new `getty(VII)` (ibid., pp. 251-252) as **cs7 -cstopb -echo 134.5**. **echo** is off because 2741 is half-duplex (transmission-wise; all characters typed are always hardware-**echoed**, much like on a typewriter, which it is), and incoming data excludes the keyboard being unlocked. Indeed, the keyboard is only unlocked when a read is being performed, **intr** is done by catching a **BREAK** from the **ATTN** key, **quit** and **eof** are impossible, the encoding conversion renders swathes of important punctuation missing and even more of the commonly-used ASCII plane with entirely unrelated characters. It's astonishing this doesn't simply

render the 2741 unfit for purpose, but letter-quality prints may well have made it just about worth it — Joe Morris and Dennis Ritchie, “IBM Selectric parallel/serial interface”, *alt.folklore.computers*, <https://groups.google.com/g/alt.folklore.computers/c/M7H9LZrK894/m/-ncoZ9gVzPAJ>  
<https://groups.google.com/g/alt.folklore.computers/c/M7H9LZrK894/m/zqHmiGrbqh4J>, 1998-09-03/04.

Login processing and rudimentary **150-baud/300-baud** detection in `/etc/init` (VII) is delegated to the new `getty`(VII), executed after the call is established: the speed selection is generalised slightly, in that the "login:" message at **150** baud is prefixed with `\033:\a` to put the Model 37 in full-duplex mode; at **300** baud — with `\033;` to do the same for the GE TermiNet 300; this "is acceptable for other 300 baud terminals also."; at **134.5** — with nothing, see above.

The username is read in raw mode (with standard **erase** and **kill** processing emulated) with either parity allowed, which allows the next speed to be picked and the message re-printed when a zero byte is read (as part of a BREAK). At **150** baud, the 2741's (**134.5**-baud) ATTN and enter "looks like the ascii »~« ( $174_8$ )" (actually  $176_8$ ;  $174_8$  is also recognised but it's "I") and, if any of these is read, the **134.5**-baud speed will be picked immediately (it is noted, however (`login`, `logout`(VII) (*ibid.*, pp. 257-258)), that: "If the greeting doesn't appear after a few seconds, hang up and try again; something has gone wrong."). The "speed" here is loose, and includes model-specific flags (parity, 2741ness).

If the username is terminated with a carriage return instead of a newline, the post-**getty** mode will also have `020` (**icrnl onlcr**) set. If it didn't have any lowercase characters, it's mapped to lowercase and `004` (**iucLc**) is set as well.

Following this, it executes the also-new `login(1)` (*ibid.*, p. 86), or

```
NAME      login -- sign onto UNIX
```

with the acquired username, and logging in proceeds as-expected (the passphrase is prompted for **-echo** (if possible, i.e. not on the 2741), the UID and working directory changed, the MOTD read and mailbox existence noted, the shell executed).

**hup** disappears, but `stty(1)` (*ibid.*, p. 117) appears, and bears recalling in its entirety:

```
NAME      stty -- set teletype options
```

```
SYNOPSIS  stty option1 ...
```

```
DESCRIPTION Stty will set certain I/O options on the current output teletype. The option strings are selected from the following set:
```

```

even      allow even parity.
-even     disallow even parity.
odd       allow odd parity
-odd      disallow odd parity
raw       raw input (no erase/kill)
-canon    "

```

<u>-raw</u>	negate raw mode (erase/kill)
<u>canon</u>	"
<u>cr</u>	allow (and echo) cr for lf.
<u>-nl</u>	"
<u>nl</u>	negate cr mode.
<u>-cr</u>	"
<u>echo</u>	echo back every character typed.
<u>full</u>	"
<u>-half</u>	"
<u>half</u>	do not echo characters as typed.
<u>-echo</u>	"
<u>-full</u>	"
<u>lcase</u>	map upper case to lower case
<u>-ucase</u>	"
<u>ucase</u>	do not map case
<u>-lcase</u>	"
<u>space</u>	map tabs into spaces
<u>-tab</u>	"
<u>tab</u>	do not map tabs
<u>-space</u>	"
<u>delay</u>	calculate cr and tab delays.

```

-delay  no cr/tab delays
ebcdic  ebcdic ball conversion (2741 only)
-corres          "
corres  correspondence ball conversion (2741 only)
-ebcdic          "

```

FILES standard output.

SEE ALSO stty(II)

DIAGNOSTICS "Bad options"

BUGS --

OWNER jfo

These map trivially to the `stty(II) mode` argument. Of these, `[-]echo`, `[-]raw`, `[-]lcase`, and `[-]nl` survive semantically equivalent, `[-]canon` as `[-]icanon`, `[-]tab` similarly to `[-]tabs`, and `[-]even` `[-]odd` similarly to `[-]evenp` `[-]oddp`.

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Three keyboards/line codes/type balls for the 2741 are the "Standard Selectric<sup>®</sup> Typewriter" (correspondence), "PTTC/BCD", and "PTTC/EBCD" — *IBM 2741 Communications Terminal*, TP-09 A24-3415-2, Third Edition, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/ibm/2741/A24-3415-2\\_2741\\_Communication\\_Terminal.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/ibm/2741/A24-3415-2_2741_Communication_Terminal.pdf), figs. 5-10, pp. 15-20, International Business Machines Corporation, Data Processign Division, 112 East Post Road, White Plains, N.Y. 10601.

The line is stateful for the ball hemisphere selected (lower case/upper case headings in even-numbered fig. *ibid.*) et al., with the sent/received codes corresponding to the rotation and tilt of the ball: BA1 and C42 are: **g/G** and **6/ç** for the correspondence models, **a/A** and **6/{'** for the standard charset, **:** for the A and H ones, and **ç** for the typewriter(?) one} for the PTTC/BCD ones, and **a/A** and **6/'** for the PTTC/EBCD ones. Trivially, since EBCDIC (or anything contemporary) isn't stateful, none of these are any given encoding.

**UNIX Programmer's Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition**

The three substantive changes herein are the correction of the 200 mode description to "M37s" and removal of the "It is all too easy to turn off your typewriter." warning from **BUGS** in K. Thompson and D. M. Ritchie, *UNIX Programmer's Manual*, Third Edition, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis\\_v3/v3man.tar.gz](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis_v3/v3man.tar.gz), `./man2/stty.2`, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., February, 1973, `stty(II)`.

As well as a drastic culling of modes allowed in `stty(I)` (ibid., `./man1/stty.1`), now:

<u>even</u>	allow even parity.
<u>-even</u>	disallow even parity.
<u>odd</u>	allow odd parity
<u>-odd</u>	disallow odd parity
<u>raw</u>	raw mode input (no erase/kill/interrupt/quit/EOT)
<u>-raw</u>	negate raw mode
<u>-nl</u>	allow cr for lf (and echo lf cr)
<u>nl</u>	allow nl only
<u>echo</u>	echo back every character typed.
<u>-echo</u>	do not echo characters.
<u>lcase</u>	map upper case to lower case
<u>-lcase</u>	do not map case
<u>-tabs</u>	replace tabs by spaces
<u>tabs</u>	preserve tabs
<u>delay</u>	calculate cr and tab delays.
<u>-delay</u>	no cr/tab delays
<u>ebcdic</u>	ebcdic ball conversion (2741 only)
<u>corres</u>	correspondence ball conversion (2741 only)

i.e. `[-]tab` becoming the present-day-spelling of `[-]tabs` and the redundant `[-]canon`, `[-]cr`,

`[-full]`, `[-half]`, `[-ucase]`, `[-space]`, `[-ebcdic]`, `[-corres]` spellings being removed.

### UNIX Programmer's Manual, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

Sees a rewrite of the kernel in C, of the manual in `troff(1)`, and is infested by gnomes — K. Thompson and D. M. Ritchie, *UNIX Programmer's Manual*, Fourth Edition, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis\\_v4/v4man.tar.gz](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis_v4/v4man.tar.gz), `./man0/basinf`, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., November, 1973, How to Get Started, *Logging in.*

`getty(VII)` (*ibid.*, `./man7/getty.7`) cycles between just **150-** and **300-**baud and kernel support for the 2731 is removed entirely, and `type(I)` (*ibid.*, `./man1/type.1`) once again becomes

`type - type on 2741`

this time copying the input to `/dev/ttyc` "converting to 2741 EBCDIC output code."; the usage procedure specifies that while it still reads the teletype, the `ATTN` key is to be pressed (since the 2741 can't be **raw** and is always hard-**echo**, this is the only way to get indicate anything without messing up the letter, assuming the keyboard is even unlocked), and an inscrutable **BUGS** section follows; it appears that the 2741s were only worth as much hassle as was required to print letters, and no more — Tom Van Vleck, "Home Terminals", *Multicians*, <https://multicians.org/terminals.html>, para. 10, 1997-02-17.

The input buffer is bumped to **256** bytes (`dc(IV)` (*ibid.*, `./man4/dc.4`)), and overrun characters are "thrown out without notice". ASCII EOT is only stripped from output if not **raw**.

The "upper-case mode" (004) is additionally described as present-day **xcase** (with the mapped characters in the same order, even! This (and the already-extant lowercase) directly corresponds to the characters untypeable on a Teletype Model 33 (and 35), present on all DEC PDP-11s as standard<sup>2</sup>), but not predicated on **icanon**.

Recognisable (but unreliable, so not quite present-day) signals appear as `signal(II)` (ibid., `./man2/signal.2`) and hanging up sends signal **1** (what we'd call `SIGHUP`), default action terminate without core, to *all* processes whose *control typewriter* matches the hanged-up one, then "returns with an end-of-file indication" as previous. This is as present-day.

This courtesy is extended to DEL's "interrupt signal" (**2**, `SIGINT`) and FS' "quit signal" (**3**, `SIGQUIT`). It's implied that but unclear how the shell protects itself from either signal.

`stty(II)` (ibid., `./man2/stty.2`) sees a major rework with a **SYNOPSIS** of

(`stty = 31.`)

(file descriptor in `r0`)

**sys stty; arg**

...

**arg: speed; 0; mode**

**stty(fildes, arg)**

**int arg[3];**

The "speed and general handling of the input side of the typewriter" (**ispeed**, unclear what "general handling" means) resides in the "low" byte of *speed*, and "the speed of the output side" (**ospeed**) — the "high" byte. It may therefore make more sense to present *arg* as a pointer to a `struct { u8 ispeed, ospeed, pad[2]; u16 mode; };`.

The speeds listed are the ones "supported by the DH-11 interface", lifted directly from *DH11 asynchronous 16-line multiplexer user's manual*, EK-ODH11-OP-002, 1st Edition, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/EK-ODH11-OP-002\\_DH11\\_Asynchronous\\_16-line\\_Multiplexer\\_Users\\_Manual\\_Sep76.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/EK-ODH11-OP-002_DH11_Asynchronous_16-line_Multiplexer_Users_Manual_Sep76.pdf), Chapter 3 (Programming), 3.2.3 (Line Parameter Register), p. 3-5, Digital Equipment Corporation, Maynard, Massachusetts, September 1976. Which are:

<b>0</b> Zero Baud	<b>4</b> 134.5 Baud	<b>8</b> 600 Baud	<b>12</b> 4800 Baud
<b>1</b> 50 Baud	<b>5</b> 150 Baud	<b>9</b> 1200 Baud	<b>13</b> 9600 Baud
<b>2</b> 75 Baud	<b>6</b> 200 Baud	<b>10</b> 1800 Baud	<b>14</b> External Input A
<b>3</b> 110 Baud	<b>7</b> 300 Baud	<b>11</b> 2400 Baud	<b>15</b> External Input B

and compare 3.3.5 Zero Baud (ibid., 3-9), which says: "A speed selection of 0 Baud is provided so that the program may turn off any line."

With two important differences: speed **0** is defined as "(turn off device)", and speeds **14** and **15** are defined as "External A" and "External B". This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move.

The attentive reader may notice that the speeds are listed for an entirely different device – a DH11 inces-  
santly called a "DH-11" – than supposedly has a manual page and supposedly contains the `/dev/tty?`  
device family – `dc(IV)`: DC11 (likewise, "DC-11"). Indeed, the reference implementation of the UNIX  
system has just "DC-11 interfaces actually present", but the PREFACE states (*Fourth Edition*,  
`./man0/intro`):

The number of UNIX installations is now above 20, and many more are expected. None of these has  
exactly the same complement of hardware or software.

The manual lists asterisks after the speeds supported by its DC11s (unwaveringly **134.5, 150, 300, 1200**),  
warning that "if a non-starred speed is selected, it will be ignored and the present speed left unchanged."  
Even further:

In the current configuration, only 150 and 300 baud are really supported, in that the code conversion  
and line control required for 2741's (134.5 baud) must be implemented by the user's program, and  
the half-duplex line discipline required for the 202 dataset (1200 baud) is not supplied.

One could say that this is a primordial version of inter-UNIX portability, like the outsourcing of mounting  
of `/usr` (and `/sys`), changing the mode of the DEctape nodes and spawning `dpd(VII)` (*ibid.*,  
`./man7/dpd.7`) from the `init(VII)` process itself to the new-in-*Fourth Edition* `/etc/rc`. Or, given  
that `getty(VII)` still uses a fixed table of remote teletype types and `init(VII)` — of local teletype lines  
to wait on, one could be reaching.

Beyond removal of the 2741 400, 1000, 2000 modes, 020 is re-described to echo "as CR-LF" despite a subsequent paragraph describing it and `dc(IV)` remaining unchanged as "LF-CR", and a new mode:

10000 no delays after tabs (e.g. TN 300)

which seems best-matched to **tab0**; it's unclear if 001 implies 10000, and likely that 002 (**tab3**) overrides it by removing tabs from the output entirely.

The console teletype `kl(IV)` (*ibid.*, `./man4/kl.4`)'s "line disciplines" "are identical to those for `tty?`", and it accepts `gTTY(II)/stty(II)`, with the only "salient differences" being the different key for `SIGQUIT` and that "the speed-select word is ignored". One could say that the latter isn't a difference, since that's the behaviour for most speeds on `dc(IV)`, but.

`stty(I)` (*ibid.*, `./man1/stty.1`)'s **raw** parenthetical gains "parity bit passed back"(?), **-nl** also turns around as "CR-LF" to match the syscall, **[-]delay** also mentions form-feed (no functional change, presumably? given that form feed is mentioned in the *Second Edition* as well), and ebcdic corres are replaced with

**tdelay** calculate tab delays  
**-tdelay** no tab delays

The **BUGS** section becomes

There should be 'package' options such as **execuport**, **33**, or **terminet**.

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*KL11 teletype control manual*, DEC-11-HR4C-D, 3rd Printing, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/KL11\\_TeletypeControlManual.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/KL11_TeletypeControlManual.pdf), Chapter 2 (General Description), 2.1 Introduction, para. 2, Digital Equipment Corporation, Maynard, Massachusetts, September 1970.

*H720 power supply and mounting box manual*, DEC-11-HR5B-D, 5th Printing, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/pdp11/pwrSupply/H720\\_PowerSupplyMan.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/pdp11/pwrSupply/H720_PowerSupplyMan.pdf), Chapter 4 (Installation), LT33 Teletype, LT35 Teletype, pp. 4-7, 4-8, Digital Equipment Corporation, Maynard, Massachusetts, September 1970. As well as *ibid.*, Table 4-1 (PDP-11 System Configurations), p. 4-1.

*Technical Manual, Model 32 and 33*, Bulletin 273B, [http://bitsavers.org/communications/teletype/33/273B\\_Mod32\\_33\\_TechMan\\_Jan63.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/communications/teletype/33/273B_Mod32_33_TechMan_Jan63.pdf), Section 7 (Principles of Operation), 7-2. Code, Fig. 7-1.a. (Character Arrangement), Teletype Corporation, 555 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, 1962, 1963.

The Model 35 has a Shift key, so it could be used to type lower-case letters, but it inverts bit 5, so it can't be used to type special characters from **xcase**: *35 Keyboard and Base for Keyboard Send-Receive (KSR) and Receive-Only (RO) Teletypewriter Sets, Description and Operation*, Bulletin 221B, Section 574-221-100, Volume 1, [http://bitsavers.org/communications/teletype/35/281B\\_Mod35\\_TechVol1\\_Apr73.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/communications/teletype/35/281B_Mod35_TechVol1_Apr73.pdf), Section 2 (Principles of Operation), 2.20 (Shift Key Mechanism), p. 12, Teletype Corporation, 555 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, 1962, 1964, 1965.

It can't print lower-case characters: *35 Typing Unit, General Description and Principles of Operation*,

Bulletin 221B, Section 574-220-100, Volume 1, [http://bitsavers.org/communications/teletype/35/281B\\_Mod35\\_TechVol1\\_Apr73.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/communications/teletype/35/281B_Mod35_TechVol1_Apr73.pdf), Section 2 (Principles of Operation), 2.04 (Signaling Code), Fig. 5, p. 9, Teletype Corporation, 555 Touhy Avenue, Skokie, Illinois, 1963.

### UNIX Programmer's Manual, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

**300**-baud teletypes are now the default — K. Thompson and D. M. Ritchie, *UNIX Programmer's Manual*, Fifth Edition, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis\\_v5/v5man.pdf](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis_v5/v5man.pdf), p. iv, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Incorporated, June, 1974, How to Get Started, *Logging in.* So the `getty` (VIII) (ibid., p. 267) speed ordering is reversed to try it first, then fall back to **150**-baud on `BREAK`. The **300**-baud `login:` prefix additionally returns "the GSI terminal to non-graphic mode".

`init` (VIII) (ibid., p. 268) now reads `/etc/ttys` (`ttys` (V) (ibid., 211)) as a list of lines to listen on and programs to spawn when called (but "the only program currently specifiable is `/etc/getty` (q.v.).", since the program is an offset into an `init`-internal table) and accepts "the *hangup* signal (signal #1)" (`SIGHUP`) to reload and reprocess it "as in a reboot" — remnants of this remain in all present-day `inits`.

`tty` (IV) (ibid., p. 194) is re-instated as a description of all "low-speed asynchronous communications ports", with the hardware-specific peculiarities relegated to their respective `dc` (IV) (ibid., 180), `dh` (IV) (ibid., 181), and `kl` (IV) (ibid., 184) pages, all of which unchanged and equally uninteresting, except to see that the `DC11 /dev/tty[01234567abcd]` is described as "not currently connected", and appears replaced on the reference implementation by the `DH11` at `/dev/tty[f-u]`. The only significant change

is that the default speed is also **300** baud and individual settable speeds are not listed.

The "parity bit passed back" bit is clarified in the **raw** paragraph as

The input parity bit is passed back to the reader, but parity is still generated for output characters. clarification is achieved, but thankfully half of the new **BUGS** also make the meaning not a tad clearer:

On raw-mode output, parity should be transmitted as specified in the characters written.

"If you find it hard to type" FS, "try control-\ or control-shift-L."; the other half of the new **BUGS** is that "Half-duplex terminals are not supported." — this is supported by the nonexistence of **type**.

`stty` (II) (ibid., p. 131) loses asterisks after "supported speeds" and generalises the unknown-speed ⇒ ignored behaviour to all the aforementioned devices for the aforementioned reasons. Besides that, it appears unchanged — the `dc` (IV) speeds are still listed as if globally true and mode 10000 (**tab0**) is crossed out by hand entirely, with the description of mode 001 (**nl0 cr0 tab0 ff0**) crossed out and "hangup on last close" penned in — this is **[-]hupcl**, with that exact phrasing of the flag surviving to IEEE Std 1003.1-202x ("POSIX.1"), Draft 2.1 .

It's unclear what this means, especially given that `stty` (I) (ibid., p. 79) is unchanged entirely.

### UNIX Programmer's Manual, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition

Sees the introduction of `/dev/tty`, corresponding to the process's *control typewriter* (the console is exclusively `/dev/tty8`, a synonym in the *Fifth edition*), as present-day, "a variety of delays after function characters", rather than model-class enumeration for each "function" (NL/CR/tab/FF), speed

changes explicitly predicated on "if the hardware permits" — K. Thompson and D. M. Ritchie, *UNIX Programmer's Manual*, Sixth Edition, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis\\_v6/v6doc.tar.gz](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis_v6/v6doc.tar.gz), `./man/man4/tty.4`, May, 1975, `tty` (IV). ‘#’ and ‘@’ are "By default", and EOT is finally parenthesised as "control-D".

`init` (VIII) (*ibid.*, `./man/man8/init.8`) always runs **getty**, and the third `ttys` (V) (*ibid.*, `./man/man5/ttys.5`) column is instead passed as an argument thereto:

For normal lines, the character is ‘0’; other characters can be used, for example, with hard-wired terminals where speed recognition is unnecessary or which have special characteristics. (Getty will have to be fixed in such cases.)

`getty` (VIII) (*ibid.*, `./man/man8/getty.8`) mentions no such modes, simply predicating the description of the former **300-/150**-baud operation on being passed ‘0’. However, the **getty** of the reference system is available at [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis\\_v6/v6src.tar.gz](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis_v6/v6src.tar.gz), `./s1/getty.c`. And reveals: a ‘-’ mode for the "Console TTY" whose **110 icrnl onlcr tab3 iuclc olcuc xcasc cr1** point to it continuing to be the same Model 33, with an entry in the default table after the **150**-baud mode.

There’s also a ‘1’ table, which contains only the **150**-baud entry, and a ‘2’ one, described only as "9600" — **9600 icrnl onlcr tab3 ff1**.

`stty` (II) (*Sixth Edition*, `./man/man2/stty.2`) finally sees a new **SYNOPSIS**:

(`stty = 31.`)

(file descriptor in `r0`)

**sys stty; arg**

...

**arg: .byte ispeed, ospeed; .byte erase, kill; mode**

**stty(fildes, arg)**

**struct {**

**char ispeed, ospeed;**

**char erase, kill;**

**int mode;**

**} \*arg;**

The *erase*, *kill* members are self-explanatory. The *mode* table is vastly expanded:

100000 Select one of two algorithms for backspace delays

040000 Select one of two algorithms for form-feed and vertical-tab delays

030000 Select one of four algorithms for carriage-return delays

006000 Select one of four algorithms for tab delays

001400 Select one of four algorithms for new-line delays

000200 even parity allowed on input (e. g. for M37s)  
 000100 odd parity allowed on input  
 000040 raw mode: wake up on all characters  
 000020 map CR into LF; echo LF or CR as CR-LF  
 000010 echo (full duplex)  
 000004 map upper case to lower on input (e. g. M33)  
 000002 echo and print tabs as spaces  
 000001 hang up (remove 'data terminal ready,' lead CD) after last close

Which matches the scribble in *Fifth Edition*.

The delays are very similar to present-day, but described in terms of narrow-bit integers, rather than bit-fields, and form-feed is overloaded with vertical tab, and a zeroed delay value corresponds to no delay for that function byte; respectively, they correspond to: BSDLY, FFDLY=VTDLY, CRDLY, TABDLY, NLDLY, and are expounded as follows.

Value	Field	Equiv.	Description
100000	BSDLY	=1	<b>bs1</b> "currently ignored but will be used for Terminet 300's."
040000	FFDLY	=1	<b>ff1/vt1</b> "about 2 seconds."
030000	CRDLY	=3	"is unimplemented and is 0."
20000	CRDLY	=2	<b>cr3</b> "lasts about .16 seconds and is suitable for the VT05 and the TI 700."
10000	CRDLY	=1	<b>cr2</b> "lasts about .08 seconds and is suitable for the Terminet 300."

```

006000 TABDLY=3          unimplemented, 0
    4000 TABDLY=2          unimplemented, 0
    2000 TABDLY=1   tab1 "dependent on the amount of movement and is tuned to the Teletype
                        model 37."
001400 NLDLY  =3          "is unimplemented and is 0."
    1000 NLDLY  =2   nl1 "useful for the VT05 and is about .10 seconds."
    400  NLDLY  =1          "dependent on the current column and is tuned for Teletype model 37's."

```

Mode 000001 corresponds directly to **[-]hupcl**, and "is useful when a port is to be used for some special purpose; for example, if it is associated with ACU used to place outgoing calls.", with "ACU" presumably standing in for an Automatic Calling Unit.

`stty` (II) is "also used with certain special files other than typewriters" — it's the only non-I/O entry in the device driver interfaces, cf. Dennis M. Ritchie, *The Unix I/O System*, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis\\_v6/v6doc.tar.gz](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Dennis_v6/v6doc.tar.gz), **Character device drivers**, Bell Telephone Laboratories, `./iosys/iosys`. And compare `v6src.tar.gz ./usr/sys/conf.h bdevsw/cdevsw` — "but since none of them are part of the standard system the specifications will not be given."; one could consider this a primordial `ioctl(2)`.

`stty` (I) (*Sixth Edition*, `./man/man1/stty.1`) allows no arguments, in which case it "reports the current settings of the options", much like present-day, The "**[-]delay**" and "**[-]tdelay**" *options* are removed in favour of:

<b>cooked</b>	same as '-raw'
and	
<b>ek</b>	reset erase and kill characters back to normal # and @.
<b>erase c</b>	set erase character to <i>c</i> .
<b>kill c</b>	set kill character to <i>c</i> .
<b>cr0 cr1 cr2 cr3</b>	select style of delay for carriage return (see below)
<b>nl0 nl1 nl2 nl3</b>	select style of delay for linefeed (see below)
<b>tab0 tab1 tab2 tab3</b>	select style of delay for tab (see below)
<b>ff0 ff1</b>	select style of delay for form feed (see below)
<b>tty33</b>	set all modes suitable for Teletype model 33
<b>tty37</b>	set all modes suitable for Teletype model 37
<b>vt05</b>	set all modes suitable for DEC VT05 terminal
<b>tn300</b>	set all modes suitable for GE Terminet 300
<b>ti700</b>	set all modes suitable for Texas Instruments 700 terminal
<b>tek</b>	set all modes suitable for Tektronix 4014 terminal
<b>hup</b>	hang up dataphone on last close.
<b>-hup</b>	do not hang up dataphone on last close.
<b>0</b>	hang up phone line immediately
<b>50 75 110 134 150 200 300 600 1200 1800 2400 4800 9600 exta extb</b>	

Set typewriter baud rate to the number given, if possible. (These are the speeds supported by the DH-11 interface).

It should come as no surprise that "(see below)" points to nothing, except to clarify that "various delay algorithms are tuned to various kinds of terminals", and reiterating that the **0**-terminated options mean no delay.

Of these, **cooked**, **[-]hup**, and the speeds are retained verbatim (but see **STANDARDS, Line Speed**), **ek** using a system default (**CERASE**, **CKILL**), and **erase kill** are equivalent for the *cc-is-single-byte* case.

*v6src.tar.gz ./s2/stty.c* reveals that there are **[-]LCASE**, aliases for **[-]lcase**, as present-day, a **134** alias for **134.5**, **33 37 05 tn ti** aliases for **tty33 tty37 vt05 tn300 ti700**, respectively, which replace delay flags with **cr1, ff1 cr2 tab1 nl1, nl2, cr1, cr2, ff1**, respectively. The **bs[01]** delays, conspicuously missing from the manual, are there, but just conspicuously missing from the manual.

The no-argument output is ideologically much like present-day **sane**, deviations except much less formalised (and written to the standard error stream): the first lines are either

```
input speed ispeed baud
output speed ospeed baud
or
speed speed baud
```

where the *speed* is an integer (i.e. **134.5** is truncated), and **0** for **exta extb**. The observant reader will notice that there's no way to set differing speeds with **stty**. It's unclear if they were used at all, at least

on interactive lines. A line of

```
erase = 'cc'; kill = 'cc'
```

follows (these are unescaped and written verbatim), then a listing of the modes set as:

```
0200 even  
0100 odd  
040 raw  
020 -nl  
010 echo  
04 lcase  
02 -tabs  
01 hup
```

followed by the non-0 delays (**nl**, **tab**, **cr**, **ff**, **bs**), separated by spaces, as the final line.

### UNIX Programmer's Manual, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition

Many more and different models are listed, as expected from four years of increasingly affordable cash cows being bred; the TTY *37 terminal* section is generalised as *1200- and 150-baud terminals* to cover causing BREAKs until the correct speed is achieved, and a new *Hard-wired terminals* section appears, saying that they "usually begin at the right speed, up to 9600 baud", and defers to the normal instructions otherwise — *UNIX™ Time-Sharing System: UNIX Programmer's Manual, Seventh Edition, Volume 1*, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Henry\\_Spencer\\_v7/v7.tar.gz](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Research/Henry_Spencer_v7/v7.tar.gz), `usr/man/man0/intro`, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Incorporated, January, 1979, Introduction to Volume 1, How to

Get Started, *Logging in.*

The "'break' or 'interrupt' key" — the one that generates the BREAK used to cycle between speeds — sends SIGINT, with the usual DEL method seemingly being second-class (ibid., *How to communicate through your terminal.*, para. 4).

As for *Stty and gty*, "These system calls have been extensively altered, see *ioctl(2)* and *tty(4)*." (ibid., *Converting From the 6th Edition*).

Indeed, they're now described in the new *ioctl(2)* (ibid., *usr/man/man2/ioctl.2*) as shims for **ioctl**(TIO[GS]ETP), and are provided as such by Standard C Library (*libc*, *-lc*); the formerly-*stty* (II) information is merged into *tty(4)* (ibid., *usr/man/man4/tty.4*), though it's now about "terminals", rather than "typewriters". The individual-device pages are shed, as are references thereto.

"The set of processes that thus share a control terminal is called a *process group*" — this has no bearing on the actual semantics of the system, and process groups are acquired (and shed) differently in present-day, but this is the first notion of the process group — *kill(2)* (ibid., *usr/man/man2/kill.2*), when signalling pid 0, signals the members of the caller's process group; *this* is as present-day.

The argument format is the same, but now defined in *<sgtty.h>*, designated *struct sgttyb*, with members prefixed with *sg\_*, and *mode* — *sg\_flags*. The speeds themselves are defined with their present-day *Bintspeed*, EXTA, EXTB macros.

The `TIOCSSETN` `ioctl()` is like `TIOCSETP`, but doesn't wait for output empty then dump input buffer. Mode `000001` (`HUPCL`) is moved to `ioctl(TIOCHPCL)` (description retained), and becomes "TANDEM".

The delay mask macros appear (humorously, with "VTDELAY" governing `FF[01]`), and "XTABS" becomes the third tab delay mode (present-day `TAB3`). Backspace delays are downgraded to "might".

Besides those, the low-order byte bit layout is the same:

<code>EVENP</code>	<b>0000200</b>	Even parity allowed on input (most terminals)
<code>ODDP</code>	<b>0000100</b>	Odd parity allowed on input
<code>RAW</code>	<b>0000040</b>	Raw mode: wake up on all characters, 8-bit interface
<code>CRMOD</code>	<b>0000020</b>	Map CR into LF; echo LF or CR as CR-LF
<code>ECHO</code>	<b>0000010</b>	Echo (full duplex)
<code>LCASE</code>	<b>0000004</b>	Map upper case to lower on input
<code>CBREAK</code>	<b>0000002</b>	Return each character as soon as typed
<code>TANDEM</code>	<b>0000001</b>	Automatic flow control

Of these, `ECHO` survives as a macro today and `TANDEM` as `ixoff` with an alias.

Raw mode is extended with

There are no delays and no echoing, and no replacement of one character for another; characters are a full 8 bits for both input and output (parity is up to the program).

It's unclear what this means.

The new "CBREAK" mode is described as

CBREAK is a sort of half-cooked (rare?) mode. Programs can read each character as soon as typed, instead of waiting for a full line, but quit and interrupt work, and output delays, case-translation, CRMOD, XTABS, ECHO, and parity work normally. On the other hand there is no erase or kill, and no special treatment of \ or EOT.

It's unclear what this means. Well, it's clear what it means, but unclear why — a reasonable guess would be, upon reflection on the modern `[-]cbreak` alias, a lack of sufficient fragmentation — the contemporary driver had all of eight bits without delays, modern ones barely make do with *I20*.

The `TIOC[GS]ETC` (misdocumented as `TIOCSETC` and `TIOCSETP` again) `ioctl`(s), allows changing the "special characters", with defaults outlined below, via the following `<sgtty.>` type:

```

struct tchars {
    char    t_intrc;           /* interrupt */
    char    t_quite;          /* quit */
    char    t_startc;        /* start output */
    char    t_stopc;         /* stop output */
    char    t_eofc;           /* end-of-file */
    char    t_brkc;          /* input delimiter (like nl) */
};

```

Character	ASCII Default	Printable Default
<b>intr</b>	DEL	^?
<b>quit</b>	FS	^\
<b>start</b>	DC1	^Q
<b>stop</b>	DC3	^S
<b>eof</b>	EOT	^D
<b>eol</b>		^_

These all match present-day defaults.

Indeed — this is the first system with truly settable **Special Control Characters** and it includes a disabling functionality, though spelled as **-1** (rather than today's `_POSIX_VDISABLE`).

**start** and **stop** are fully formed (in **ixany** mode).

**eol** is fully formed:

The `t_brkc` character, by default **-1**, acts like a new-line in that it terminates a 'line,' is echoed, and is passed to the program. The 'stop' and 'start' characters may be the same, to produce a toggle effect. It is probably counterproductive to make other special characters (including erase an kill) identical.

The new "TANDEM" mode sends `t_stopct_t_startc` in response to the input buffer water level: "It is useful for flow control when the 'terminal' is actually another machine that obeys the conventions.". The name hints that this was intended for talking with Tandem Computers, Inc. systems, presumably; it's not

used in the userland of the distribution tape at all.

The **BUGS** lose the "parity should be transmitted" sentence and gain an even more indicting paragraph:

The terminal handler has clearly entered the race for ever-greater complexity and generality. It's still not complex and general enough for TENEX fans.

`init(8)` (*ibid.*, `usr/man/man8/init.8`), rather than checking the console switches, just starts `/bin/sh </dev/console` (the latter replaced `tty8`), and boots multi-user when the shell exits; as expected, `SIGHUP` restarts the `init` sequence at single-user mode.

`getty(8)` (*ibid.*, `usr/man/man8/getty.8`) is generalised to say that the "login:" message "can contain character sequences to put various kinds of terminals in useful states." and enumerates the following `ttys(5)` second-column values:

- 0** Cycles through 300-1200-150-110 baud. Useful as a default for dialup lines accessed by a variety of terminals.
- Intended for an on-line Teletype model 33, for example an operator's console.
- 1** Optimized for a 150-baud Teletype model 37.
- 2** Intended for an on-line 9600-baud terminal, for example the Tektronix 4104.
- 3** Starts at 1200 baud, cycles to 300 and back. Useful with 212 datasets where most terminals run at 1200 speed.
- 5** Same as '3' but starts at 300.

4 Useful for on-line console DECwriter (LA36).  
Which do not exhaust the actual tables available.

**Special Control Characters** are reset to their defaults together with setting the initial username-asking mode.

`stty(1)` (ibid., `usr/man/man1/stty.1`) lists **bs[01]** in the manual, replacing the ominous "(see below)"s on all delay modes and "various delay algorithms" note with a "(see *ioctl(2)*)" on the first (**cr**), adds

**cbreak** make each character available to *read(2)* as received; no erase and kill  
**-cbreak** make characters available to *read* only when newline is received  
 and allows **erase** and **kill** to "be of the form '^X' which is interpreted as a 'control X'". A cursory examination of the code (ibid., `usr/src/cmd/stty.c`) reveals that this is achieved by masking it to the bottom **5** bits, as present-day, and as-expected for ASCII. It's salient to note that the other new **Special Control Characters** are indeed not changeable.

**[-]hup** is replaced with just **hup**, calling **ioctl(TIOCHPCL)**. It's unclear how you'd unset this. Removal of **-hup** is undocumented.

An undocumented **gspeed** mode, equivalent to **ispeed 300 ospeed 9600** (but keep in mind neither primitive exists yet) appears, and **tab3** is, naturally, removed (but not from the manual),

The no-argument output formats nonprintable (control) **erase** and **kill** in the expected way; the flag line is unchanged as much as possible, with the explicit singling-out of XTABS as **-tabs** (and no **tab[012]**).

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The section covering `@#` notes that "Most users prefer to use a backspace rather than `'#'`, and many prefer control X instead of `'@'`", pointing to *tset(1)* (cf. **Lies by Omission**) and *stty(1)* to alter this — *UNIX Programmer's Manual, Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version*, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_1\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_1_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick) Marshall Kirk McKusick, The CSRG Archives, CD-ROM 1, Berkeley Systems 1978-1986, `3bsd`, `usr/man/man0/intro`, Computer Science Division, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720, December, 1979, Introduction to Volume 1, How to Get Started, *How to communicate through your terminal.*, para. 3.

`getty`, `vm(8)` (*ibid.*, `usr/man/man8/getty.vm.8`) loses the table enumeration in the manual (and moves some tables around, but there are 13 with 16 total modes, one of which being an "LSI Chess Terminal" (?) whose login message is `"*"`; these are out of scope) and special escapes before the login messages (except for table `'1'`), sends a line consisting of "Virtual *myname*", where the latter is a primordial form of hostname defined in `<ident.h>`, before the "login:" one, explicitly ignores (i.e. re-does the identification and prompt at the same speed) login names without letters, and sleeps for a second after prompting and before trying to read the name, then **stty()**s again to dump the buffer:

```

/*
 * Wait a while, then flush input to get rid
 * of noise from open lines
 */

```

There is a `stty(2)` (ibid., `usr/man/man2/stty.2`) but it's an odd mishmash of *Sixth Edition* values (esp. HUPCL) with *Seventh Edition* `tty(4)` format. `tty(4)` (*Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, December, 1979*, `usr/man/man4/tty.4`) is expectedly as in *Seventh Edition*.

`stty(1)` (*Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, December, 1979*, `usr/man/man1/stty.1`) removes the '^X' description, lists default values for **erase kill** and finally allows setting the **Special Control Characters**:

- intr** *c* set interrupt character to *c* (default DEL.)
- quit** *c* set quit character to *c* (default control \.)
- start** *c* set start character to *c* (default control Q.)
- stop** *c* set stop character to *c* (default control S.)
- eof** *c* set end of file character to *c* (default control D.)
- brk** *c* set break character to *c* (default undefined.) This character is an extra wakeup causing character.

These all — sans **brk** — match their present-day spellings.

By peeping the source (ibid., `usr/src/cmd/stty.c`), we find that despite the '^X' removal, it's both still valid, and ^? is accepted as DEL (**0177**, **0x7F**), as well as that **Special Control Characters** not followed by a character is ignored instead of segfaulting.

The no-argument output is suitably updated as well: after the speed lines, the **Special Control Characters** are listed as such:

```
erase = cc; kill = cc; intr = cc; quit = cc
start = cc; stop = cc; eof = cc; brk = cc
```

Where *cc* is also as present-day: "<undef>" if **0377** (-1), else "M-" if the top bit set then "^?" / "^c" / "c".

The settings for non-delay modes (incl. XTABS ([-]**tabs**)) are always written, format otherwise unchanged.

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Refuses input and rings the bell on input overflow ( $\cong$ **imaxbel**) "if your prompt was a %" — that is, with `csh(1)`, that is, with the "new" line discipline — and declares that "many prefer control-U instead of '@'" now; additionally, "Many users change this interrupt character to be ^C (control-C) using `stty(1)`"; finally,

It is also possible to suspend output temporarily using ^S (control-s) and later resume output with ^Q. In a newer terminal driver, it is possible to cause output to be thrown away without interrupting the program by typing ^O; see `newtty(4)`.

and

If you use *cs*(1) the key ^Z (control-z) will cause jobs to "stop". If this happens before you learn about it, you can simply continue by saying "fg" (for foreground) to bring the job back.

*UNIX Programmer's Manual, Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version*, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_1\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_1_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick) Marshall Kirk McKusick, The CSRG Archives, CD-ROM 1, Berkeley Systems 1978-1986, 4.0, *usr/man/man0/intro*, Computer Science Division, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720, November, 1980, Introduction to Volume 1, How to Get Started, *How to communicate through your terminal.*, paras. 2-4.

Indeed, as the **PREFACE** (*ibid.*, *usr/man/man0/intro*) states: "This release finds the system in transition: a number of facilities have been added in experimental versions (job control, resource limits) and" "Applications which use facilities that are in transition should be aware that some of the system calls and library routines will change in the near future." — the extent to which the latter is not the case is remarkable: these facilities remain enshrined, essentially unchanged, to this day.

*tty*(4) (*ibid.*, *usr/man/man4/tty.4*) more than doubles in size; this is reasonable, given that it describes double the amount of "terminal drivers used for conversational computing" (nominally three, but the third is the "net" NETLDISC one, used for Berknet, described in full in *bk*(4) (*ibid.*, *usr/man/man4/bk.4*), and entirely out of scope here) — line disciplines, configurable with **ioctl**(TIOC[GS]ETD), with the "old (standard) terminal driver", "used when using the standard shell *sh*(1) and for compatibility with other standard version 7 UNIX systems" defined as OTTYDISC (0 by

convention), and the "newer terminal drivers, with features for job control", which (must be used when using `csh(1)`), as `NTTYDISC`.

This is also the system that originates modern-day process groups — complete with `[gs]etpgrp()`, `ioctl(TIOC[GS]PGRP)`, &c., cf. `jobs(3J)` (*ibid.*, `usr/man/man3/jobs.3j`) — which are fully formed, to  $\epsilon$ , with the "new" discipline, and as such so truly *remarkably* unremarkable that one may as well consult modern `credentials(7)`.

The three major modes — cooked, `CBREAK`, `RAW` — are described completely and separately as "all driver functions" available, no input processing, and no processing (sans `LFLUSHO`), respectively. `RAW` returns `BREAKs` as `NULs`; this is the first time this is documented outside `getty(8)`.

For input, `NTTYDISC` introduces "a literal-next character `^V`" (**lnext**, as present-day) "which can be typed in both cooked and `CBREAK` mode preceding **any** character to prevent its special meaning.", which is preferred to escaping **er**ase **kill** with a `\`, retained only for "historical reasons" (but even that sees an update with only the escaped character being echoed). as well as "The word-erase character, normally `^W`", which "erases the preceding word", "defined as a sequence of non-blank characters, with tabs counted as blanks" (**wer**ase, as present-day, to precision of **altw**er~~ase~~). and "Finally, the reprint character, normally `^R`, retypes the pending input beginning on a new line.", which happens "automagically in cooked mode if characters which would normally be erased from the screen are fouled by program output."; it's unclear how this is mediated.

In OTTYDISC **erase** is just echoed and **kill** is additionally followed by a newline (as-if **echok –echoke**), "(even if the character is not killing the line, because it was preceded by a `^!`)" (notably, this isn't documented in any manuals heretofor; it's unclear when exactly this stopped being **–echok**) — whereas "new terminal driver has several modes for handling the echoing of terminal input, controlled by bits in a local mode word." (notably, this is the first occurrence of the "local flags", so spelled and so separated). These flags are largely as present-day behaviourally, though decidedly not as present-day spelling-wise, and are outlined below.

For output, EOT is not transmitted in cooked mode (as opposed to only if RAW), so "programs using raw or cbreak mode should be careful"; NTTYDISC adds "a output flush character, normally ^O" (**discard**, as present-day), "which sets the LFLUSHO bit in the local mode word, causing subsequent output to be flushed until it is cleared by a program or more input is typed." (**flusho**, as present-day) — which happens in cooked and CBREAK modes and input is **rprinted** after resumption.

If LCASE, under NTTYDISC, upper-case bytes, in addition to the punctuation, are preceded by yes on ouypuy, which is finally as present-day. A provision for "Hazeltine terminals, which do not understand that ~ has been made into an ASCII character" is made via LTILDE, which outputs ~ (**0x7E**)s as ` (**0x60**)s.

When the line is hung up, the "distinguished" (foreground) process group is signalled, as present-day; LNOHANG disables this.

The interface is, expectedly, insane: "there are 4 different structures which contain various portions of the driver data."; *struct sgttyb sg\_flags* returns to being 16-bit by becoming *short*, with no other layout changes, but CR3 "is suitable for the concept-100 and pads lines to be at least 9 characters at 9600 baud." The former refers to Human Designed Systems Concept-series video terminals; the latter is unclear. This corresponds to no modern mode.

*struct tchars* is unchanged.

The new "Local mode", a word, applies (except for LNOHANG), to NTTYDISC only, settable with TIOCL[GS]ET, with bit-manipulation **ioct1**(s) TIOCLBI[CS] having the expected result.

Macro	Equiv.	Description
LCRTBS	(see below)	Backspace on erase rather than echoing erase
LPRTERA	<b>echprt</b>	Printing terminal erase mode
LCRTERA	(see below)	Erase character echoes as backspace-space-backspace
LTILDE		Convert ~ to ` on output (for Hazeltine terminals)
LMDMBUF		Stop/start output when carrier drops
LLITOUT	(see below)	Suppress output translations
LTOSTOP	<b>tostop</b>	Send SIGTTOU for background output
LFLUSHO	<b>flusho</b>	Output is being flushed
LNOHANG		Don't send hangup when carrier drops

LETXACK		Diablo style buffer hacking (unimplemented)
LCRTKIL	(see below)	BS-space-BS erase entire line on line kill
LINTRUP		Generate interrupt SIGTINT when input ready to read
LCTLECH	<b>echoctl</b>	Echo input control chars as ^X, delete as ^?
LPENDIN		Retype pending input at next read or input character

The erasure mode tree is slightly different; assuming **echo**:

```

if LCRTBS | LCRTERA  backspace, space, backspace (present-day -echoprt -echoe);
if LCRTBS           backspace;
if LPRTERA         backslash, columns, then slash on next output (present-day echoprt);
otherwise          erase (present-day -echoprt echoe).
```

**kills** are backspace, space, backspace for the whole line if LCRTERA or backspace to the beginning of the line otherwise (closest to **echok echoke**) if LCRTKIL and unfouled, otherwise echo **kill**, newline (**-echok -echoke**).

LMDMBUF functions like TANDEM, but rather than reacting to water-marks, it does to carrier events, and only does something under the "new" DM-BB driver, which bears a "NB: WE HAVEN'T TESTED dhdm CODE ON VAX.", disclaimer. LETXACK is unused and otherwise undocumented. LPENDIN is a flag set internally by the driver to facilitate reprinting input after TIOCSET[PN] from CBREAK to cooked input (settable by userspace, but not used by the distribution userland).

LINTRUP is unused in the distribution userland except as **stty** [-]intrap. A mode rather similar to LNOHANG may be found in **local**.

Likewise for the new "Local special chars", TIOC[GS]LTC:

```

struct ltchars {
    char    t_suspc;      /* stop process signal */
    char    t_dstopc;    /* delayed stop process signal */
    char    t_rprntc;    /* reprint line */
    char    t_flushc;    /* flush output (toggles) */
    char    t_werasec;   /* word erase */
    char    t_lnextc;   /* literal next character */
};

```

With expected present-day defaults of ^Z, ^Y, ^R, ^O, ^W, ^V, and expectedly disabled if -1.

The **BUGS** concedes to TENEX fans and that paragraph disappears.

This is undocumented, but the "Local special chars" are reset to kernel defaults when a teletype device is opened and doesn't have any open descriptors. This explains why **getty** (ibid., usr/src/cmd/getty.c) just resets the discipline to OTTYDISC.

stty(1) (ibid., 4.0/usr/man/man1/stty.1), rather than the "current settings", reports:

the speed of the terminal and the settings of the options which are different from their defaults. With the argument "all", all normally used option settings are reported. With the argument "everything", everything *stty* knows about is printed.

Character arguments may start with "**u**" to mean undefined (**-1**) — the manual describes this as "»u« or »undef«".

**raw cbreak** are updated to reflect their behaviour in `tty(4)`, and **hup -hup** are removed (but only from the manual, **hup** remains unchanged in `usr/src/cmd/stty.c`). The only new options in the main block are, at last:

- tandem** enable flow control, so that the system sends out the stop character when its internal queue is in danger of overflowing on input, and sends the start character when it is ready to accept further input
- tandem** disable flow control

A separate chunk of options is added, caveated on applying only to the new driver (with the new **cs**):

- new** Use new driver (switching flushes typeahead).
- cr** Set options for a CRT (`crtps`, `ctlecho` and, if  $\geq 1200$  baud, `crterase` and `crtkill`.)
- crtps** Echo backspaces on erase characters.
- prterase** For printing terminal echo erased characters backwards within "\" and "/".
- crterase** Wipe out erased characters with "backspace-space-backspace."

- crterase** Leave erased characters visible; just backspace.
- crtkill** Wipe out input on like kill ala **crterase**.
- crtkill** Just echo line kill character and a newline on line kill.
- ctlecho** Echo control characters as "^x" (and delete as "^?".) Print two backspaces following the EOT character (control D).
- ctlecho** Control characters echo as themselves; in cooked mode EOT (control-D) is not echoed.
- tostop** Background jobs stop if they attempt terminal output.
- tostop** Output from background jobs to the terminal is allowed.
- tilde** Convert "~" to "~" on output (for Hazeltine terminals).
- tilde** Leave poor "~" alone.
- flusho** Output is being discarded usually because user hit control O (internal state bit).
- flusho** Output is not being discarded.
- pendin** Input is pending after a switch from cbreak to cooked and will be re-input when a read becomes pending or more input arrives (internal state bit).
- pendin** Input is not pending.
- intrup** Send a signal (SIGTINT) to the terminal control process group whenever an input record (line in cooked mode, character in cbreak or raw mode) is available for reading.
- intrup** Don't send input available interrupts.
- mdmbuf** Start/stop output on carrier transitions (not implemented).
- mdmbuf** Return error if write attempted after carrier drops.

- litout**        Send output characters without any processing.
- litout**      Do normal output processing, inserting delays, etc.
- nohang**       Don't send hangup signal if carrier drops.
- nohang**      Send hangup signal to control process group when carrier drops.
- etxack**        Diablo style etx/ack handshaking (not implemented).

All of these correspond directly to the "Local mode" bits, except for "**new**", which, as expected, sets `NTTYDISC`, "**crt**", the positive "**crt\***" options that unset `LPRTERA`, and "**prterase**" that unsets all "**crt\***" flags. The conspicuously-missing **-crtbsd -prterase** are present but undocumented; the less-conspicuously missing "**old**" sets `OTTYDISC`. There is a "**newcrt**" which is equivalent to "**new crt**", and is described only in `tty(4)`.

And a similarly-caveatted (and "not normally changed") list of characters:

- susp** *c*        set suspend process character to *c* (default control Z.)
- dsusp** *c*      set delayed suspend process character to *c* (default control Y.)
- rprnt** *c*      set reprint line character to *c* (default control R.)
- flush** *c*     set flush output character to *c* (default control O.)
- werase** *c*    set word erase character to *c* (default control W.)
- lnext** *c*     set literal next character to *c* (default control V.)

These are all entirely as present-day.

There is an (undocumented, of course) query: **speed**, which writes the output speed of `/dev/tty` to the standard output stream and exits **0** (or writes "unknown" and exits **1** if the speed is unknown).

"**crt**", additionally to described, clears `LPRTERA`; the rationale is, naturally, found in `tty(4)`: "At speeds less than 1200 baud, the `LCRTERA` and `LCRTKILL` processing is painfully slow" — and can be approximated at a tenth of a second per column erased at **300** baud.

The output format is globally compressed; the first line starts with `net discipline,` " if `bk(4)` is in use, `new tty,` " if `NTTYDISC`, or `old tty,` " if "**everything**". The speeds are printed on the same line (by just dropping the newline from the end of the speed printing function; this, of course, means that if the input and output speeds are different, like in "**gspeed**" mode, they're written as `input speed 300output speed 9600`"; this once more supports the point that split-speed teletypes just weren't in use). Thus the line ends if "**everything**" or a semicolon separates otherwise.

The mode output is identical (sans "`[-]tandem`", after "`[-]lcase`") if "**everything**", otherwise the "defaults" are `EVENP | ODDP, !RAW, CRMOD, ECHO, !LCASE, !TANDEM, (XTABS always reported), !CBREAK`, and no delays. If "**all**" or "**everything**" the line is broken.

The default "Local mode"s are all unset; in `NTTYDISC`, they follow in (mostly) the order listed. The only quirk is that "**crt**" is coalesced and listed as-if a first-class option if the "**crt\***" and "**prterase**" all match, except that it's considered to start to include `LCRTERA | LCRTKIL` at **600** baud, and if "**everything**" is listed as `crt: (crtbs crterase crtkill ctlecho)`"; the line is broken here if any flags were listed.

In no-argument output, unless under `bk(4)`, non-default **Special Control Characters** (and, under NTTYDISC "Local special chars") are written in the same format as previous, but only if they differ from the defaults (as described, except for **erase** which is `^H`); otherwise, if "**all**" or "**everything**", they're listed in a two-line tabulated format:

```
erase kill intr quit stop eof
```

for OTTYDISC, with undefined ones not written, and in the `stop` column either **stop** or **start** listed if just one is set (or they're the same) or both but separated by a `/`. The same holds for **eof** and **eol** in `eof`.

For NTTYDISC, the columns are:

```
erase kill werase rprnt flush lnext susp intr quit stop eof
```

additionally, the `susp` column can list **susp** and/or **dsusp** in the same manner.

This is, perhaps, best illustrated with an example; for a VT05 in a reasonable **stty 1200 vt05 new crt kill ^X rprnt u susp u nohang mode, stty all** yields:

```
new tty, speed 1200 baud; nl2
```

```
crt nohang
```

```
erase kill werase rprnt flush lnext susp intr quit stop eof
^H ^X ^W ^O ^V ^Y ^? ^\ ^S/^Q ^D
```

and for a Model 37 in a reasonable **stty 150 new tty37 nl prterase mode stty** yields:

```
speed 150 baud; nl nl1 tab1 cr1 ffl prterase
```

```
erase #
```

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```
LDECCTQ /* only ^Q starts after ^S */
LNOFLSH /* dont flush output on signals */
```

Which are equivalent to `[-]ixany` and `[-]noflsh`.

*Computer Science Division, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California, 4.1BSD, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_1\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_1_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick) Marshall Kirk McKusick, The CSRG Archives, CD-ROM 1, Berkeley Systems 1978-1986, 4.1/4.0.upgrade, `sys/h/ioctl.h`, `sys/dev/ttynew.c`.*

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**getty**, taking the table name, reaches its full potential by iterating through a (fully-formed) termcap at `/etc/gettytab`, which includes a default with the (now actual) hostname — *UNIX Programmer's Manual, 4.2 Berkeley Software Distribution, Virtual VAX-11 Version, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_1\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_1_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick) Marshall Kirk McKusick, The CSRG Archives, CD-ROM 1, Berkeley Systems 1978-1986, 4.2, `usr/man/man8/getty.8`, `usr/man/man5/gettytab.5`, Computer Science Division, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720, August, 1983, `getty(8)`, `gettytab(5)`. The latter's **BUGS** note that:*

Some ignorant peasants insist on changing the default special characters, so it is wise to always specify (at least) the erase, kill, and interrupt characters in the **default** table. In **all** cases, '#' or '^H' typed in a login name will be treated as an erase character, and '@' will be treated as a kill character.

The **he** capability is stupid.

*Termcap* format is horrid, something more rational should have been chosen.

A description of the **he** capability has been omitted here for the sanity of the reader; it is, by a long shot, the dumbest part of the source materials for this manual. Truly, this is the pinnacle of software.

The relevant revolutionary new part of `getty(8)` is that can hang up if the login name is not obtained in time (**to** property).

All mentions of **stty()/gtty()** are removed from `ioctl(2)` (*ibid.*, `usr/man/man2/ioctl.2`), which just directs the reader to the section-4 page they're interested in; `stty(3C)` (*ibid.*, `usr/man/man3/stty.3c`), where C is for Compatibility, is described as defunct and obsoleted by `ioctl(2)`.

LINTRUP is "replaced by a call to `fcntl` and the SIGIO signal."— Samuel J. Leffler, *Bug fixes and changes in 4.2BSD*, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_1\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_1_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick) Marshall Kirk McKusick, The CSRG Archives, CD-ROM 1, Berkeley Systems 1978-1986, 4.2, `usr/doc/uchanges/3.t`, Berkeley, California 94720,

July 28, 1983, Section 2.. The equivalent call is `F_SETFL` with `FNDELAY` | `FASYNC`.

`tty(4)` (4.2 *Berkeley Software Distribution*, `usr/man/man4/tty.4`) expands on `LDECCTQ` as "Only ^Q restarts output after ^S, like DEC systems"; `LNOFLSH` remains entirely undocumented.

`struct ltchars t_dstopc` is renamed to `t_dsuspc` (it's unclear why it hasn't been that from the beginning), and `t_werasesc` to `t_werasc` (to fit in the 8-byte limit of older compilers, presumably).

`stty(1)` (ibid., `usr/man/man1/stty.1`) sees the addition of

- dec** set all modes suitable for Digital Equipment Corp. operating systems users; (erase, kill, and interrupt characters to ^?, ^U, and ^C, `decctlq` and "newcrt".)
- decctlq** After output is suspended (normally by ^S), only a start character (normally ^Q) will restart it. This is compatible with DEC's vendor supplied systems.
- decctlq** After output is suspended, any character typed will restart it; the start character will restart output without providing any input. (This is the default.)

These all survive today as-described.

The DEC operating systems are pretty much any of them, to an extent: TENEX doesn't count, since that's originally BBN, but **Third Berkeley Software Distribution** says that "many prefer control X instead of '@'" — TENEX uses ^X: Theodore H. Myer, Jogn R Barnaby, and William W. Plummer, *TENEX Executive Manual*, *TENEX Executive Language, Manual for Users*, Bolt Beranek and Newman Inc., [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/bbn/tenex/TenexExecRef\\_Apr73.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/bbn/tenex/TenexExecRef_Apr73.pdf), p. 18, 50 Moulton Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138, January, 1971; revised April, 1973, II. Executive Language Structure, C. Editing

and Errors in TENEX commands, 4. (CTRL)-X, Rubout. And single-character erasure echoes a \ followed by the erased column every time. ^R reprints the line after CR.

TOPS-20 is almost there: DEL is **er**ase, ^U is **kill** — *TOPS-20 System Manager's Guide*, Version 6.0 Interim Release Draft, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/pdp10/TOPS20/TOPS-20\\_V6\\_System\\_Managers\\_Guide\\_Interim\\_Dec84.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/pdp10/TOPS20/TOPS-20_V6_System_Managers_Guide_Interim_Dec84.pdf), p. 2-9, Digital Equipment Corporation, December 1984 (first printing October 1976), Creating the TOPS-20 File System, Step 13, DELETE Key.

VMS sees the full range here: ^O, ^S, ^Q, ^R, ^U, all as-described, and ^X which is equivalent to ^U in the UNIX context — *VAX/VMS I/O User's Guide*, AA-D028A-TE, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/vax/vms/1.0/AA-D028A-TE\\_VAX\\_VMS\\_IO\\_Users\\_Guide\\_Aug78.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/vax/vms/1.0/AA-D028A-TE_VAX_VMS_IO_Users_Guide_Aug78.pdf), pp. 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, Digital Equipment Corporation, Maynard, Massachusetts, August 1978, Chapter 2, Terminal Driver, 2.2.6 Control Characters and Special Keys, Table 2-1, Terminal Control Characters.

Per the juices (*4.2 Berkeley Software Distribution*, `usr/src/bin/stty.c`), **19200 38400** speeds are added as aliases for **exta extb** and are written as such, rather than "0", in the current-option listing, "[**-] extack**" is `#ifdef`d away, and [**-]noflsh** added. Default characters are now part of the global `<sys/ttychars.h>`, as present-day, and with present-day names; the surprising difference is that **er**ase **kill intr** got DECified into ^?, ^U, ^C (from #, @, ^? in the kernel and ^H, @, ^? in userspace (**stty**, **reset** — *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980*, `usr/src/cmd/reset.c`)).

### 4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution

No longer "must" one "call UNIX from an appropriate terminal"; instead, a phone number is necessary only "If you will be accessing UNIX remotely". A direct connection "generally runs at 9600 or 19200 baud", and modem speed is "typically 300, 1200, or 2400 baud" — *UNIX User's Reference Manual (URM)*, 4.3 *Berkeley Software Distribution, Virtual VAX-11 Version*, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_1\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_1_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick) Marshall Kirk McKusick, The CSRG Archives, CD-ROM 1, Berkeley Systems 1978-1986, 4.3, `usr/man/man0/intro.ms`, Computers Systems Research Group, Computer Science Division, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720, April, 1986, Introduction to User's Reference Manual, How to get Started, *Logging in.* For logging out, the **logout** `cs(1)` primitive is recommended above EOFing the shell (*ibid.*, *Logging out.*). The *How to communicate through your terminal.* section is adamant that DEL and ^H have replaced @# by default — there is no evidence of this: they remain ^H and ^U. And provides an ominous note:

If the terminal does not appear to be echoing anything that you type, it may be stuck in "no-echo" or "raw" mode. Try typing "(control-J)reset(control-J)" to recover.

*Text processing.* replaces the eternal (since *Third Edition*, which introduced the How to Get Started section) **pr** recommendation ("paginates the text, supplies headings, and has a facility for multi-column output") with a **more** one ("is useful for preventing the output of a command from scrolling off the top of your screen.")

`ttys(5)`, rather than being a trivial columnated list, is now fully comment-capable and parameterised with regards to what to run with full cmdline, where, what type of terminal is on it, and arbitrary parameters to the programs run; this includes running `xterms`; this is as present-day in most Berkeley derivatives — *UNIX Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM), 4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution, Virtual VAX-11 Version*, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_1\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_1_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick) Marshall Kirk McKusick, The CSRG Archives, CD-ROM 1, Berkeley Systems 1978-1986, 4.3, `usr/man/man5/ttys.5`, Computers Systems Research Group, Computer Science Division, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California, Berkeley, California 94720, April, 1986. `tty(4)` (*ibid.*, 4.3/`usr/man/man4/tty.4`) finally stops mentioning `bk(4)` (*ibid.*, 4.3/`usr/man/man4/bk.4`) (though it's not fully removed, only marked "(obsolete)" with a **BUGS** section that lays out why it's not fit for purpose), and the listing is reworded to "there are two line disciplines available for use with terminals" which makes much more sense, given that `bk(4)` is (unsuitable) for uploading data from microprocessors; ominously, "Other disciplines may exist for special purposes, such as use of communications lines for network connections."

`TIOCNOTTY`, detaching the caller from its controlling terminal, available since *4.2 Berkeley Software Distribution*, is finally documented. `eof` is finally documented as one of the inputs that end lines in cooked mode in-line. The DECified defaults are propagated to the description. `TIOCHPCL` is now "usually done on outgoing lines and dialups.", and the userland agrees with this.

Rather than always outputting even parity, odd parity may be generated by setting `ODDP !EVENP`.

`TIOCSTOP` and `TIOCSTART` `ioctl`(s) appear to emulate pressing **stop start**. It's unclear if `TIOCSTI`ing them would suffice.

One new "Local mode" bit appears:

`LPASS8` Pass all 8 bits through on input, in any mode

`LNOFLSH` Inhibit flushing of pending I/O when an interrupt character is typed.

`LPASS8` (in place of `LINTRUP`) is additionally described as overriding normal parity validation in cooked and `CBREAK` modes (and supposedly what happens in `RAW` mode). It's unclear what this actually means. `[-]pass8` survives as an alias; it's unclear if it retains its meaning.

Window size provisions appear fully-formed as present-day, "to accommodate terminals and workstations with variable-sized windows": `SIGWINCH`, `TIOC[GS]WINSZ`, and

```
struct winsize {
    unsigned short  ws_row;      /* rows, in characters */
    unsigned short  ws_col;      /* columns, in characters */
    unsigned short  ws_xpixel;   /* horizontal size, pixels */
    unsigned short  ws_ypixel;   /* vertical size, pixels */
};
```

`stty(1)` (*PRM, 4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution*, `usr/man/man1/stty.1`) is prefixed with a list of **Queries**:

**speed** The terminal speed alone is printed on the standard output.

**size** The terminal (window) sizes are printed on the standard output, first rows and then columns. of which the latter is new, and as present-day; before job control flags are seen its corresponding setters:

**rows** *n* The terminal size is recorded as having *n* rows.

**columns** *n* The terminal size is recorded as having *n* columns.

**cols** *n* is an alias for *columns*.  
equally as present-day.

The new "Local mode"s are prescribed as such

**pass8** Passes all 8 bits through on input, in any mode.

**-pass8** Strips the 0200 bit on input except in raw mode.

It's even more unclear how this relates to parity validation.

**size** is implemented (ibid., `usr/src/bin/stty.c`), like "**speed**", by re-opening `/dev/tty` and exiting **0**; the purpose of this is unclear.

The window size is written as "`, ws_row rows, ws_col columns`" after the speed, if "**all**" or "**everything**".

**UNIX Programmer's Manual, CB Version**

Sees a truly unique **Logging in.** section, alluding to well-developed port-specific **getty** tables:

Usually, the same telephone number serves terminals operating at speeds of 110, 150, and 300 baud.

A different number may be used for 1200-baud service.

and caveats *Higher-speed terminals* on their performance:

Terminals designed to run at higher data rates than 300 baud (i.e., 1200 baud) can be utilized in full-duplex mode provided *input* remains character-by-character, typing speed.

(it's unclear what the latter means, but this would point at having two models of DC11s installed, since that particular combination of speeds is unavailable and DH11s can do all of these, and more, at once; but this is not the case, see below). Aside from the "*TELETYPE® Model 37*", used as an example of <300-baud teletypes, no devices, models, or brands are mentioned (conversely, *Seventh Edition* mentions no fewer than 7 models from 5 brands). It is also uniquely noted that: "The system may prompt you for a dialup password which is established by the system administrator (you need to know it to use any dial port into the system)." — this is mediated by **login** after the normal password prompt. And a special, shockingly content-free for the length, *Non-dial Terminals* section. J. D. Doan, *CB-UNIX Programmer's Manual, Department 59473, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Incorporated, Edition 2.3, Volume 1*, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Distributions/USDL/CB\\_Unix\\_cbunix\\_intro.pdf](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Distributions/USDL/CB_Unix_cbunix_intro.pdf), pp. viii-ix; [cbunix\\_man1\\_04.pdf](#), p. 4, Columbus, OH 43213, May 1981, How To Get Started; [login\(1\)](#).

A new **Logging out**, method of sitting around for a while is noted, based on (lack of) teletype activity. As compared to *Sixth Edition* (from which a "large part of the present manual's contents is descended" (*CB-UNIX Programmer's Manual*, `cbunix_intro.pdf`, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, p. iii)), `^S` can "temporarily stop output", which "is useful with CRT terminals to prevent output from disappearing before it can be read.", and is only resumed with a `^Q` — these are as-present-day **stop start** defaults in **-ixany** mode. Additionally,

On CB-UNIX only, output may also be stopped by typing the break or escape keys. In this case, typing another escape (or any other characters, for that matter) will cause output to be resumed. which corresponds to **ixany** for this alternate keying.

2.3 is, of course, a late version of the system, but, in the words of an unnamed "retired CB/UNIX developer";

Other things that immediately come to mind that we added first in Columbus Unix were power-fail restart (myself and Jim McGuire did the initial work) and line-disciplines and terminal types (Bill Snider did the initial work).

and

we started using the C version in early 1975 as I recall. as per [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Distributions/USDL/CB\\_Unix/readme.txt](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Distributions/USDL/CB_Unix/readme.txt), final para.. This mostly lines up with the citing of *Sixth Edition*: the manual includes parts of *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, December, 1979* and *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* — in some portions with the branding in tact. Nevertheless, given that

I was the supervisor of the group in Columbus for a number of years that was responsible for the development of CB-UNIX.

and

The SCCS version of UNIX had a number of unique features for the times: semaphores and line disciplines (in 1974!) for example. Hal Pearson was responsible for semaphores, and Bill Snider for line disciplines.

mostly lines up with the aforementioned — Dale DeJager, “UNIX History”, *net.unix*, [https://groups.google.com/g/net.unix/c/-H9x36DMOBQ/m/P\\_G\\_s9SJBrgJ](https://groups.google.com/g/net.unix/c/-H9x36DMOBQ/m/P_G_s9SJBrgJ), 1984-01-17. It’s not outlandish to say that the extensive discipline system, outlined below, *does* land somewhere in the fore of the tail half of the 1970s more so than its aft, perhaps to the precision of its extent. `pr` (1)s of the kernel are also scanned, and dated; helpfully, it’s “Sat Feb 9 09:01:00 1980” and “Jan 26 17:20” so using them as anything more than a disambiguation is useless — CB-UNIX Source Code, [https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Distributions/USDL/CB\\_Unix/SourceCode](https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/Distributions/USDL/CB_Unix/SourceCode), `cbunix3.pdf`. Most (sans `ioctl(2)`) of the teletype-related lines are dated “November 1979” and branded CB-UNIX 2.1; the wording of `tty` (4) (*CB-UNIX Programmer’s Manual*, `cbunix_man4.pdf`, p. 27)’s controllable-teletype-file and it mentioning `dh` (4) and `kl` (4) points the most recent common ancestor being *Sixth Edition*.

The core difference there is that that file is `/dev/ln` — this follows the console being `ln00` and the dial-in lines being `ln*`. `dh` (4) (*CB-UNIX Programmer’s Manual*, `cbunix_man4.pdf`, p. 2) is extended to also cover DZ11s (also incessantly called “DZ-11”s): “(For DZ-11 lines, output speed is always

the same as input speed. The 200 speed and the two externally clocked speeds (*exta*, *extb*) are missing on the DZ-11.)". The DZ11 supports a different set of speeds:

<b>0</b>	50 Baud	<b>4</b>	150 Baud	<b>8</b>	1800 Baud	<b>12</b>	4800 Baud
<b>1</b>	75 Baud	<b>5</b>	300 Baud	<b>9</b>	2000 Baud	<b>13</b>	7200 Baud
<b>2</b>	110 Baud	<b>6</b>	600 Baud	<b>10</b>	2400 Baud	<b>14</b>	9600 Baud
<b>3</b>	134.5 Baud	<b>7</b>	1200 Baud	<b>11</b>	3600 Baud	<b>15</b>	Not used

none of which correspond directly to the corresponding speeds on the DH11, and "The receiver clock is turned on and off by setting and clearing bit 12" — *DZ11 asynchronous multiplexer technical manual*, EK-DZ110-TM-002, 3rd Printing (Rev), [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/EK-DZ110-TM-002\\_DZ11\\_Asynchrouous\\_Multiplexer\\_Technical\\_Manual\\_Oct78.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/EK-DZ110-TM-002_DZ11_Asynchrouous_Multiplexer_Technical_Manual_Oct78.pdf), p. 3-10, Digital Equipment Corporation, Maynard, Massachusetts, October 1978, Chapter 3 (Programming), 3.3 Programming Features, 3.3.1 Baud Rate, Table 3-4 Baud Rate Selection Chart.

And the "Transmitter clock is always on." (ibid., Table 3-3 LPR Bit Functions, p. 3-8). How this is negotiated is not noted, but *CB-UNIX Source Code*, [cbunix7.pdf](#), pp. 64-72 (dz.c), bears:

```
/* this array maps the standard unix transmit and receive speeds
 * into the speeds used in the dz11 hardware. If a speed is selected
 * that is not available on the dz11 it will be ignored.
 */

char dzspeed[]
```

```
{
    0000,          /* not available */
    0000,          /* 50 baud */
    0001,          /* 75 baud */
    0002,          /* 110 baud */
    0003,          /* 134.5 baud */
    0004,          /* 150 baud */
    0000,          /* not available */
    0005,          /* 300 baud */
    0006,          /* 600 baud */
    0007,          /* 1200 baud */
    0010,          /* 1800 baud */
    0012,          /* 2400 baud */
    0014,          /* 4800 baud */
    0016,          /* 9600 baud */
    0000,          /* not available */
    0000,          /* not available */
};
and, in dzparam():
```

```
lpr = ((dzspeed[tp->t_speeds.lobyte]<<8) | ((dev.d_minor&07) |
      RECV_ON) );
```

which is very obviously wrong: unmappable DH11 speeds all become **50** baud.

The `kl` (4) (*CB-UNIX Programmer's Manual*, `cbunix_man4.pdf`, p. 6) `ln00` name is "for historical reasons only": the canonical keying for "the real system console" is `sys tty`, and the current console if going single-user — *Init* (1M) and *reboot* (1M) talk to this device" — is `syscon`, which `telinit` (1M) links to the invoking teletype when passed runlevel **S**.

This nomenclature is matched with `line(1)` (*ibid.*, `cbunix_man1_03.pdf`, p. 100) — "get line identification" — which "gives the name of the user's line in the form **lnm** in the range 00 to 99" (or "**lnxx** if the standard input file is not a typewriter"); the familiar `tty(1)` (*ibid.*, `cbunix_man1_09.pdf`, p. 21) interface is also available, writing the full path and accepting **-s**, as present-day.

Opening `tty` (4) "causes a wait to take place at the first read or write.", rather than waiting "until a connection is established.". The description for *raw* mode is extended; rather being "awakened on each character":

Control is returned to the reading program only when the *read* (2) character count has been satisfied (as well as if an *alarm* (2) signal occurs, or if the line hangs up).

And output parity, rather than being "generated" is noted as "all 8-bits are sent if parity is set to *even* and *odd* and the number of data bits is set to 8.". Expectedly, in non-*raw* mode, output parity is no longer listed as being always-even, too.

The **start stop**-and-friends spiel is reproduced here entirely, but "A BREAK character is treated like and ESC character when not in raw mode." only; this makes sense.

`getty` (1M) (ibid., `cbunix_man1_03.pdf`, p. 40) — "the second process in the series, *init-getty-login-shell*, that ultimately connects a terminal user with UNIX" — copies `issue` (5) (ibid., `cbunix_man5.pdf`, p. 32) to the calling teletype before the prompt, as present-day, and sees a primary **SYNOPSIS** of:

`/etc/getty [ -h ] line [ speed [ type [ linedisc ] ] ]`

(Though "Additional arguments may be typed after the login name. These are passed to *login*, which will place them in the environment." — the latter is part of the **login** calling convention, the former is presumably mediated by just adding whitespace after the username.)

**-h** suppresses the default behaviour of forcing "a hangup on the line by setting the speed to zero before"hand. It's unclear how this is supposed to work with DZ11s, given the above (it is: it doesn't, see above and note that `RECV_ON` is **010000** (bit 12)). *line* is the filename under `/dev`, *speed* is the `gettydefs` (5) (ibid., p. 26) entry, itself nothing more than the extraction of the built-in tables, and so tabulating the label, flags when reading the username (with **hupcl -echo raw** implied), final flags, speeds, the message, and the label to go to on BREAK. *type* describes "what type of terminal is connected to the line in question":

<b>none</b>	default	<b>tektonix, tek</b>	Tektronix
<b>tec</b>	TEC scope	<b>ds40-1</b>	Teletype DS40-1

<b>vt61</b>	DEC vt61	<b>hp45</b>	Hewlett-Packard HP45
<b>vt100</b>	DEC vt100	<b>ds40-2b</b>	Teletype DS40-2b

where "The default terminal is »**none**«; i.e., any crt or normal terminal unknown to the system."; this is more akin to present-day \$TERM (coupled with `terminfo(5)`), but as a first-class kernel layer, complete with emulating missing functions. And *linedisc* describes "which line discipline to use in communicating with the terminal":

<b>full_duplex, full</b>	default
<b>transparent, trans</b>	transparent (see <i>ioctl(2)</i> )
<b>half_duplex, half</b>	half duplex
<b>votrax</b>	votrax

"The default is »**full\_duplex**«, i.e., line discipline zero."

The interesting differences in the username adaptation mode are:

In addition to the standard UNIX erase and kill characters, '#' and '@', *getty* also understands '\b'. If the user uses a '\b' as a rubout, *getty* sets the standard erase character to backspace and the standard kill character to '@' instead of '#' and '@'.

Which is, notably, the worst possible way to spell this, and **How To Get Started** continues to say "The ASCII »delete« (a.k.a. »rubout«) character", overloading it even further.

And

*Getty* also understands the "standard" ESS protocols for erasing, killing and aborting a line, and terminating a line. If *getty* sees the ESS erase character, '\_ ', or kill character, '\$', or abort character, '&', or the ESS line terminator, '/' or '!', it attempts to set up the terminal into **STDTTY** mode (see *ioctl(2)*), which has those characters as the erase, kill, and line terminator characters. If it doesn't succeed, the standard erase and kill characters will be used.

Here, the ESS is the Electronic Switching System — AT&T's line of computerised telephone switches (cf. *UNIX History*: "The system was derived from the UNIX operating system that was used in the SCCS (Switching Control Center System), which incidentally was the first application of UNIX outside of research."). This spelling (so far as \_ , ! (7:25) and \$ (9:27)) is attested on the mostly-contemporaneous 3ESS — Æstrid Smith and Sarah Autumn, *Connections Museum Seattle*, Booting up the 3ESS, <https://youtu.be/k865-VjWUk8>, 7000 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, WA 98108, Mar 23, 2022.

The **BUGS** mention that none of the characters mentioned above (or "'^D'") is quotable.

`gtty(1)` (*CB-UNIX Programmer's Manual*, `cbunix_man1_03.pdf`, p. 58) appears, and bears recalling in its entirety:

**NAME**

`gtty` – get terminal line options

**SYNOPSIS**

`gtty` [ line ... ]

**DESCRIPTION**

*Gtty* will get certain I/O options on the lines specified. If no line is given the standard input is used (file descriptor 0). See `stty(1)` for an explanation of the options reported by `gtty`.

### SEE ALSO

`gtty(2)`, `stty(1)`

### BUGS

On devices which do not allow variable speeds, the input and output speed is meaningless. It follows, then, that `stty(1)` (*ibid.*, `cbunix_man1_08.pdf`, p. 38) sees a pre-*Sixth Edition* calling convention. In addition to the precise set of options in *Fourth Edition*, a list of new options follows.

Option	Equiv.	Description
<b>hdplx</b>		half duplex (disable reception during transmission)
<b>-hdplx</b>		full duplex
<b>tstread</b>		test read (don't wait for carriage return to terminate read)
<b>-tstread</b>		normal read termination
<b>hangup</b>	<b>hupcl</b>	dial-up line (hangup after last close)
<b>-hangup</b>	<b>-hupcl</b>	non dial-up
<b>lfdelay</b>	<b>nl1(?)</b>	line-feed delay
<b>-lfdelay</b>	<b>nl0</b>	no line-feed delay
<b>sccmod</b>		enable sccmode (special editing, break and del characters)
<b>-sccmod</b>		disable sccmode

**xclude**                   exclude future opens of this teletype  
**-xclude**                   Allow future opens of this teletype  
**tandemi**    **ixon**         respond to xoff and xon when transmitted by the terminal by stopping and starting output.  
**-tandemi**   **-ixon**         treat xoff and xon as normal input characters  
**[-]tandemi** are highlit in pink — the meaning of this is unclear; perhaps this is to indicate that they should be bolded and aren't?

And these options, each taking a numeric argument:

**speed**     allows the user to change the speed of a line  
**stop**                         specify the number of stop bits to be transmitted  
**data**                                 data bits  
**vrow**                         set the variable row on crts above which the screen will be frozen

The format for "**speed**" is unspecified, and could be either the actual baud-rate just as well as **[0, 15]**.

"the terminal type" may also be specified, but "If this is done it must be the first option."; depending on the system configuration, the following may be meaningful (this is implied to not be an exhaustive list):

**"none", "tec", "delta", "dta", "tektronix", "tex", "vt61", "ds40-1", "ds40-2b", "hp45"**  
 note that here Tektronix is spelled correctly, and its short form is "**tex**", not "**tek**". The VT100 is missing, and an unexplained "**delta**" appears.

"When a terminal type other than »**none**« is in use, several more flags become valid:"

- anl**        automatic new-line when character printed in column 80
- anl**        no automatic new-line
- snl**        special new-line function (only implemented for "**ds40-1**")
- snl**        no special new-line function
- lcf**        special action on last column of last line
- lcf**        no special action on last column of display
- default**    set terminal flags to default for this terminal type

`stty:o(2)` (*ibid.*, `cbunix_man2_04.pdf`, pp. 23-28) — where the `:o` denotes being for compatibility with "release 1 of CB-UNIX" (`intro(2)` (*ibid.*, `cbunix_man2_01.pdf`, **OLD C COMPILER**, p. 4)) — is noted as superseded by `ioctl(2)` (*ibid.*, `cbunix_man2_02.pdf`, pp. 1-7) but nevertheless contains a more cohesive overview of the system's general teletype system (though, notably, the mode layout and nomenclature outside of the core XTABS-EVENP spectrum are completely different between the two). Line disciplines **1**, **2** are "reserved for project specific line disciplines", and [**5**, **9**] "for future common line disciplines". Of those, **0** (`STD_LTYPE`) is the "normal" full-duplex discipline; **4** (`HF_LTYPE`) is the half-duplex line discipline — at last! — both of which "require no additional information". It's unclear how `HF_LTYPE` differs from setting `HDPLX` ("For those communications controllers with the capability, disable reception during transmission.").

The interesting discipline is **3** (`TRANS_LTYPE`):

a line discipline that allows the user full eight bit transparency ion input and output with or without parity, For this line discipline, a *write* will perform no mapping. A *read* will return upon the occurrence of the first of the three conditions as specified by the user:

- 1) The requested number of characters have arrived.
- 2) The number of seconds, *ts\_quanta*, has elapsed.
- 3) A break character has arrived.

If *ts\_quanta* is zero, timing is disabled; otherwise, *ts\_quanta* is the maximum wait time in seconds. If *ts\_brk0* and *ts\_brk1* are both zero, no break characters will awaken the process. If *ts\_brk1* is 0377 then *ts\_bbrk0* is taken as a single break character. Otherwise, both break characters are assumed valid. **NCDELAY**, **XTABS**, **LCASE**, **ECHO**, **CRMOD**, **RAW**, **NTDELAY**, **NLDELAY**, and **STDTTY** have no meaning for this line discipline.

Which is, to the precision of the temporal resolution and the explicit wake-up characters, *exactly* the present-day **raw** mode.

Backronymising, it may be that "[**-**]t**st**read" may actually be TranSpaRenT READ, otherwise it's unclear what it *could* be, aside maybe from a murky description of the equally-murky NOSLEEP:

Return a zero if a read is performed and no characters are present. Don't wait to flush output on *close* or *stty*. Don't wait for carrier in the first *read* or *write* after an *open* if carrier is not up. Normally a process will block when waiting for carrier to come up after an *open*. This roadblock will take place in the first *read* or *write* not the *open*.

`stty:o(2)` has an explicit `NLDELAY` mode, `ioctl(2)` has a range of `CR[0123]` `NL[0123]` `TAB[01]` `FF[01]` `BS[01]` with the would-be `TAB2` bit defined as `NOAL` ("no allocation", presumably), since `XTABS` is unmoved from 2. "[**-x**clude" corresponds directly to `XCLUDE`, described identically with addition of "Cleared upon last close."

`TANDEMI` ("response to `xon/xoff`", [**-j**ixon) is contrasted with `TANDEMO` (but only in `ioctl(2)`) — "transmission of `xon/xoff`": "turns off the keyboard when there are too many characters in the terminal hardware queue" — which itself is [**-j**ixoff.

**erase kill** are changeable, layout compatible with *Sixth Edition*. No other character is, hence `STDTTY`, which is exactly as-described (**erase \_ kill \$ eol / eol2 !**) with the addition of **icrnl** and a proverbial "**kill2 &**" (in addition to the primary `DEL`) (though, curiously, the flag itself does *not* appear to, *CB-UNIX Source Code*, `cbunix10.pdf`, pp. 36-58 (`tty.c`), esp. **ttyinput()** (p. 45); the manual itself would suggest it does) imply the **erase kill** keyings, so those need to be set separately). This is likely [**-j**sccmod as Switching Control Center MODE.

`ioctl(DIOCKETT)` "is used to specify the type of CRT connected to a line":

```
/*
 * Terminal types
 */
#define TERM_NONE      0      /* tty */
#define TERM_TEC      1      /* TEC Scope */
```

```

#define   TERM_V61      2      /* DEC VT61 */
#define   TERM_V10     3      /* DEC VT100 */
#define   TERM_TEX     4      /* Tektronix 4023 */
#define   TERM_D40     5      /* TTY Mod 40/1 */
#define   TERM_H45     6      /* Hewlett-Packard 45 */
#define   TERM_D42     7      /* TTY Mod 40/2B */

```

"If a type other than **TERM\_NONE** is specified, input and output mapping will occur for the CRT language defined in the header file `<sys/crtctl.h>`. In this case, the ESC character takes on special meaning, escaping the subsequent characters on input and output." Helpfully, `crtctl.h` doesn't appear to have been scanned. Nevertheless, this points to a bizarre world where the motion/underlining/∆c. interface is *to the system*, which then provides a Cohesive Baseline Video Terminal, shimmed as required. Mayhap it was less bizarre before the monopolisation of ECMA-48 ("Control functions for coded character sets") et al. — the only terminal listed verifiably supporting these is the VT100.

The video-terminal-specific modes are as such:

```

TM_SNL      Handle new line specially, if the terminal driver is so equipped.
TM_ANL      Provide a carriage return and new line when writing beyond column 80.

```

**TM\_LCF** Immediately before placing a character in the last column and now, delete the top line, print the character in the last column of the now second-to-last-row, and then move the cursor to column one of the new last line. This function is requires for terminals that move the cursor to "bad" places when printing in the last position.

**TM\_CECHO** Echo the control sequences, such as "cursor up", when reweived.

**TM\_CINVIS** Do not pass the cursor control characters to the user program on input.

And agree with "[**-**]anl", "[**-**]snl", and "[**-**]lcf".

"**vrow**" is additionally noted as "for split screen operation". The actual semantics of this are unnoted.

**ioctl**(**VIOC[GS]ETD**) is described as "Get/set versatec parameters.". Votrax International, Inc. manufactured voice synthesisers, originally the VS4 "Votrax", and is attested as discipline **5** (**VOT\_LTYPE**) (*CB-UNIX Source Code*, *cbunix3.pdf*, p. 95 (*votrax.h*); *ibid.*, *cbunix10.pdf*, pp. 65-69 (*vs.c*)).

No use of **TM\_SNL** is attested, especially in *ibid.*, *cbunix7.pdf*, pp. 59-63 (*ds40.c*), which is supposed to host it.

The lost-media `<sys/crtctl.h>` is also shed light upon via the emulation therein:

```
char ds40map[] {
    LCA,    NONE,                /* Load Cursor Address (simulated) */
    CUP,    SDESC|'7',          /* Move Cursor Up */
    CDN,    SDESC|'B',          /* Move Cursor Down */
```

```

CRI,      SDESC|'C',      /* Move Cursor Right */
CLE,      010,           /* Move Cursor Left */
NL,       NONE,         /* Special DS40 newline */
CRTN,     SDESC|'G',      /* Return Cursor to start of line */
HOME,     SDESC|'H',      /* Home Cursor */
CS,       SDESC|'R',      /* Clear Screen */
EEOP,     SDESC|'J',      /* Erase to end of page */
EEOL,     NONE,         /* Erase to end of line */
IL,       SDESC|'L',      /* Insert Line */
DL,       SDESC|'M',      /* Delete Line */
IC,       SDESC|'^',      /* Insert Char */
DC,       SDESC|'P',      /* Delete Char */
STB,      SDESC|'3',      /* Start Blink */
SPB,      SDESC|'4',      /* Stop Blink */
STAB,     SDESC|'0',      /* Set Single Tab */
ATAB,     SDESC|'1',      /* Set Column of Tabs */
CTAB,     SDESC|'2',      /* Clear Tabs */
USCRL,    SDESC|'S',      /* Scroll Up */
DSCRL,    SDESC|'Y',      /* Scroll Down */
ASEG,     SDESC|'U',      /* Advance Segment */
/* KBL,    NONE,         /* Keyboard Lock */

```

```

/*      KBU,      NONE,          /* Keyboard Unlock */
      UVSCN,    NONE,
      DVSCN,    NONE,
      0,
};

```

Where NL is handled as `\33G\33B`, regardless of any mode. Mayhap it was optional in a previous version of the system?

For comparison, for the VT100 (*ibid.*, `cbunix10.pdf`, pp. 70-74 (`vt100.c`)), the tables alone are at least twice that.

A unique feature of CB-UNIX is `ioctl(DIOCSETS)`:

Set spy mode. All output directed to the terminal specified by *fildev* will be copied to the terminal of the process performing the *ioctl*. Only one spy operation may be active in the entire system at any time. The spy continues until explicitly turned off. Currently, spy is only effective on lines using the `STD_LTYPE` line discipline and is restricted to the super-user.

It's unclear how the explicit turn-off is accomplished.

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Rattles off **110**, **150**, **300** and **1200** baud as "Common terminal speeds", with **2400**, **4800**, and **9600** "occasionally" available. The phone number spiel is generalised to

On some UNIX systems, there are separate telephone numbers for each available terminal speed, while on other systems several speeds may be served by a single telephone number.  
and the itemised list of teletype speeds and how to handle them, depending on what the default is, to

In the latter case, there is a "preferred" speed; if you dial in from a terminal set to a different speed, you will be greeded by a string of meaningless characters (the **login:** message at the wrong speed.

Keep hitting the "break" or "attention" key until the **login:** message appears.  
and likewise for the return/new-line post-login mapping tactics (rather, text lowered from the former *300-baud Terminals:* section is used verbatim; the note of preference for the new-line key where supported, previously part of the *TELETYPE® Model 37* (and other terminals less than 300 baud): section, is lost) — T. A. Dolotta, S. B. Olsson, and A. G. Petruccielli, *UNIX User's Manual, Laboratory 364, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Incorporated*, Release 3.0, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_III/UNIX\\_Users\\_Manual\\_Release\\_3\\_Jun80.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_III/UNIX_Users_Manual_Release_3_Jun80.pdf), p. 7, Murray Hill, NJ 07974, June 1980, How To Get Started, **Logging in.**

A record low of "two ways to log out" is recorded, by losing direct-**login** (ibid., **Logging out.**).

The "On CB-UNIX only" note rings true —  $^S/^Q$  are the only flow control method, but now in **ixany** mode (ibid., **How to communicate through your terminal.**, para. 4).

The individual drivers are rich: `dj(4)` (ibid., p. 560) for DJ11s (all together now: incessantly called "DJ-11"s) — "Line speeds and other characteristics are not programmable but are set by switches in the hardware in groups of 4 lines. Only parameters such as character delays and mapping can be altered."† — `dz(4)` (ibid., p. 566) for DZ11s (**dz**), DZ11/KMC11s (**dzk**), and DH11s (**dh**) (yes.) — the DZ11 note is exactly the same as on CB-UNIX; "The behavior of *dzk* lines is indistinguishable from that of *dz* lines, except that on the *dzk* backspace delays are implemented using fill characters (rubouts) instead of timed delays.", which corresponds to hard `[-]ofill` based on the driver‡; "Note that the DH-11 is considered obsolete and is not supported on the VAX-11/780." — same old `kl(4)` (ibid., p. 571), though marked (**PDP-11 only**) in the header — on `/dev/console`, "Since they run at a constant speed, attempts to change the speed are ignored."

`init(8)` (ibid., p. 681) distinguishes entries by arbitrary `{state, id}`, with no relation to line state; if no `/etc/inittab` (`inittab(5)`, ibid., p. 618) is present or **init** is the only process, it runs a shell on `/dev/console` — this is described as more of a rescue state than a distinct single-user mode.

`getty(8)` (ibid., p. 674) sees a **SYNOPSIS** of

*/etc/getty* name type delay

since it now opens the line itself — "*Name* should be the name of a terminal in `/dev/` (e.g., **tty03**)." — and "*delay* is relevant for dial-up ports only. It specifies the time in seconds that should elapse before the port is disconnected if the user does not respond to the **login** request."

The text itself is a generalisation of the *Sixth Edition* into a mimicry of the *Seventh Edition* format. Rather than just the "Terminet 300 terminal" being put in full-duplex by the "login:" messages, they may additionally "take the DASI terminals out of the plot mode, or put a TELETYPE® Model 37 into full-duplex.". Returning "the GSI terminal to non-graphic mode" is lost.

The *type* table is compiled-in, but this is, at least, listed in the **BUGS**. A special (undisclaimed with the "(may vary locally)" for the others) type of `! type` "tells *getty* to update **/etc/utmp** and exit". What this update does is unspecified. The *types* recognised in the distribution *Release 3.0* are:

- B110; for 100 baud console TTY.
- 0** B300–B150–B110–B1200; normal dial-up sequence starting at B300.
- 1** B150; no sequence.
- 2** B2400; no sequence.
- 3** B1200–B300–B150–B110; normal dial-up sequence starting at B1200.
- 4** B300; for console DECwriter.
- 5** B9600; no sequence.
- 6** B4800–B9600; for Tektronix 4014.

The source itself is derived from *Sixth Edition* (provided to me by my good friend Juliano: UNIX System III Source Code, [https://vetusware.com/download/UNIX%20System%20III%20Source%20Code%20SYSIII/?id=11576\\_src/cmd/getty.c](https://vetusware.com/download/UNIX%20System%20III%20Source%20Code%20SYSIII/?id=11576_src/cmd/getty.c)). Don't be a cop if you're affiliated with whoever bought the rights from SCO Group) and modes `'-'` and `'1'` agree completely, the `'0'` loop is extended with the **1200**-baud mode, and the new `'3'` just starts there, the `'2'`

**9600**-baud mode is replaced, all up from there is new.

The `utmp(5)` (*Release 3.0*, p. 631) processing is done as the first thing and consists of setting the entry for *name* to {current-time,  $\emptyset$ } in `/etc/utmp` and appending the same to `/usr/adm/wtmp`.

*name* is ignored if the standard input stream is a teletype, and the name of the attached teletype used instead; this is, presumably, to be used in conjunction with ‘!’, explained as

```
/* If the term type arg is special, exit only,
   this is so you can update utmp without spawning
   an open line
*/
```

which does just exit. Timing out on *delay* (if specified and non-zero) hangs up the line bimodally by setting it to `B0|HUPCL` and exiting. Some **Special Control Characters** are set to their defaults — **intr** `0177` **quit** `^ \` (“/\* FS, cntl | \*/”) **erase** `#` **kill** `@` **eof** `^D` **eol** `00` — from `<termio.h>` (ibid., `src/head/termio.h`), under the present-day V-prefixed indices and C-prefixed default macros no less!

`tty(4)` (*Release 3.0*, pp. 585-592) sees, fore-mostly, a fleshed-out controlling teletype and process group system: `/dev/tty` is “a synonym for the control terminal associated with the process group of that process, if any”, and “The very first terminal file opened by the process group leader of a terminal file not already associated with a process group becomes the *control terminal* of that process group,” “A process can break this association by changing its process group using *setpgrp(2)*.” — this corresponds *directly*

to final present-day semantics and this is where nigh-ubiquitous techniques like double-forked daemonisation take their root.

"A line is delimited by a new-line (ASCII LF) character, an end-of-file (ASCII EOT) character, or an end-of-line character." — this fore-shadows an almost-normal interface, but one would be remiss to not note that EOT is End Of Transmission, hence why it wouldn't be outlandish for a teletype to hang up on its receipt.

'@' "optionally outputs a new-line character." and the table of "Certain characters" is re-tagged in terms of the logical actions, rather than the raw (now-default) values, and includes all characters with special meaning:

INTR	(rubout or ASCII DEL) [same text as <i>Seventh Edition</i> , incl. its all-processes-with-this-controlling-terminal target]
QUIT	(Control-I or ASCII FS) [likewise, though the core-dump filename is expounded]
ERASE	(#) erases the preceding character. It will not erase beyond the start of a line, as delimited by a NL, EOF, or EOL character.
KILL	(@) deletes the entire line, as delimited by a NL, EOF, or EOL character.
EOF	(Control-d or ASCII EOT) [likewise]
EOL	(ASCII NUL) is an additional line delimiter, like NL. It is not normally used.

- STOP** (Control-s or ASCII DC3) can be used to temporarily suspend output. It is useful with CRT terminals to prevent output from disappearing before it can be read. While output is suspended, STOP characters are ignored and not read.
- START** (Control-q or ASCII DC1) is used to resume output which has been suspended by a STOP character. While output is not suspended, START characters are ignored and not read. The start/stop characters can not be changed or escaped.

The observant reader will note that (sans NL), these correspond directly to V-prefixed indices. Additionally, "The character values for INTR, QUIT, ERASE, KILL, EOF, and EOL may be changed to suit individual tastes. The ERASE, KILL, and EOF characters may be escaped by a preceding \ character, in which case no special function is done." This EOF handling is appears to be unique. No trimming of EOT on output is done.

<sgtty.h> as the container for the structure used by the "primary calls" <termio.h>:

```
#define NCC      8
struct termio {
    unsigned short    c_iflag;          /* input modes */
    unsigned short    c_oflag;          /* output modes */
    unsigned short    c_cflag;          /* control modes */
    unsigned short    c_lflag;          /* local modes */
    char               c_line;          /* line discipline */
    unsigned char      c_cc[NCC];       /* control chars */
}
```

```
};
```

"The special control characters are defined by the array *c\_cc*. The relative positions and initial values for each function are as follows:"

```
0  INTR    DEL
1  QUIT    FS
2  ERASE   #
3  KILL    @
4  EOF     EOT
5  EOL     NUL
6  reserved
7  reserved
```

This is the origin of the phrase "**Special Control Characters**", and, more importantly, *struct termio* is pretty much exactly as present-day, and so are the indices (mostly, see below).

"The *c\_iflag* field describes the basic terminal input control", and is outlined below.

<i>c_iflag</i>	<b>Equiv.</b>	<b>Description</b>
IGNBRK	<b>ignbrk</b>	Ignore break condition.
BRKINT	<b>brkint</b>	Signal interrupt on break.
IGNPAR	<b>ignpar</b>	Ignore characters with parity errors.
PARMRK	<b>parmrk</b>	Mark parity errors.

INPCK	<b>inpck</b>	Enable input parity check.
ISTRIP	<b>istrip</b>	Strip character.
INLCR	<b>inlcr</b>	Map NL to CR on input.
IGNCR	<b>igncr</b>	Ignore CR cr.
ICRNL	<b>icrnl</b>	Map CR to NL on input.
IUCLC	<b>iucLC</b>	Map upper-case ot lower-case on input.
IXON	<b>ixon</b>	Enable start/stop output control.
IXANY	<b>ixany</b>	Enable any character to restart output.
IXOFF	<b>ixoff</b>	Enable start/stop input control.

The attentive reader may note that these are *all* as present-day, sans the lack of foreground/background process groups (signals are targeted as for SIGINT) and START/STOP always being stripped from the input (nowadays they're passed through if not IXON). The less-obvious flags are described below the original table; they are mostly found with mildly-evolved wording in IEEE Std 1003.1-202x ("POSIX.1"), Draft 2.1 , where IUCLC is lost. "The initial input control value is all bits clear.". "The *c\_oflag* field specifies the system treatment of output", and is outlined below.

<i>c_oflag</i>	<b>Equiv.</b>	<b>Description</b>
OPOST	<b>opost</b>	Postprocess output.
OLCUC	<b>olcuc</b>	Map lower case to upper on output.
ONLCR	<b>onlcr</b>	Map NL to CR-NL on output.

OCRNL	<b>ocrnl</b>	Map CR to NL on output.
ONOCR	<b>onocr</b>	No CR output at column 0.
ONLRET	<b>onlret</b>	NL performs CR function.
OFILL	<b>ofill</b>	Use fill characters for delay.
OFDEL	<b>ofdel</b>	Fill is DEL, else NUL.

---

NLDLY (mask) Select new-line delays:

NL0 **nl0**

NL1 **nl1**

CRDLY (mask) Select carriage-return delays:

CR0 **cr0**

CR1 **cr1**

CR2 **cr2**

CR3 **cr3**

TABDLY (mask) Select horizontal-tab delays:

TAB0 **tab0**

TAB1 **tab1**

TAB2 **tab2**

TAB3 **tab3** Expand tabs to spaces.

BSDLY	(mask)	Select backspace delays:
BS0	<b>bs0</b>	
BS1	<b>bs1</b>	
VTDLY	(mask)	Select vertical-tab delays:
VT0	<b>vt0</b>	
VT1	<b>vt1</b>	
FFDLY	(mask)	Select form-feed delays:
FF0	<b>ff0</b>	
FF1	<b>ff1</b>	

They just don't miss! In IEEE Std 1003.1-202x ("POSIX.1"), Draft 2.1, `OPOST` is the only truly portable flag, all others are shaded XSI (X/Open Systems Interfaces — extension), and, symmetrically, `OLCUC` is lost (*Release 3.0* even points out that "This function is often used in conjunction with `IUCLC`"). The *entire* description for the now-XSI parts lives *verbatim* in the standard. "The initial output control value is all bits clear."

"The `c_flag` field specifies the hardware control of the terminal", and is outlined below.

<u><code>c_flag</code></u>	<b>Equiv.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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CBAUD	(mask)	Baud rate:
B0	<b>0</b>	Hang up
B50	<b>50</b>	50 baud
B75	<b>75</b>	75 baud
B110	<b>110</b>	110 baud
B134	<b>134</b>	134.4 baud
B150	<b>150</b>	150 baud
B200	<b>200</b>	200 baud
B300	<b>300</b>	300 baud
B600	<b>600</b>	600 baud
B1200	<b>1200</b>	1200 baud
B1800	<b>1800</b>	1800 baud
B2400	<b>2400</b>	2400 baud
B4800	<b>4800</b>	4800 baud
B9600	<b>9600</b>	9600 baud
EXTA	<b>exta</b>	External A
EXTB	<b>extb</b>	External B
CSIZE	(mask)	Character size:
CS5	<b>cs5</b>	5 bits

CS6	<b>cs6</b>	5 bits
CS7	<b>cs7</b>	6 bits
CS8	<b>cs8</b>	7 bits
<hr/>		
CSTOPB	<b>cstopb</b>	Send two stop bits, else one.
CREAD	<b>cread</b>	Enable receiver.
PARENB	<b>parenb</b>	Parity enable.
PARODD	<b>parodd</b>	Odd parity, else even.
HUPCL	<b>hupcl</b>	Hang up on last close.
CLOCAL	<b>clocal</b>	Local line, else dial-up.

"For any particular hardware, impossible speed changes are ignored.", and note that this is a global (RX and TX) speed — this further supports the hypothesis that no-one has ever actually used uneven speeds.

The same deal as for *c\_iflag* applies; the speeds are a separate table with specialised setters (see below), but are otherwise identical, except EXTA, EXTB are spelled as B19200, B38400 with the expected descriptions; IEEE Std 1003.1-202x (“POSIX.1”), Draft 2.1 has an additional explicit side-effect for CLOCAL as functioning as-if O\_NONBLOCK: this is attested in the drivers and makes logical sense, but not laid forth. "The initial hardware control value after open is B300, CS8, CREAD, HUPCL."

"The *c\_lflag* field of the argument structure is used by the line discipline to control terminal functions. The basic line discipline (0) provides" flags outlined below.

<i>c_cflag</i>	<b>Equiv.</b>	<b>Description</b>
ISIG	<b>isig</b>	Enable signals.
ICANON	<b>icanon</b>	Canonical input (erase and kill processing).
XCASE	<b>xcase</b>	Canonical upper/lower presentation.
ECHO	<b>echo</b>	Enable echo.
ECHOE	<b>echoe</b>	Echo erase character as BS-SP-BS.
ECHOK	<b>echok</b> <b>-echoke</b>	Echo NL after kill character.
ECHONL	<b>echonl</b>	Echo NL.
NOFLSH	<b>noflsh</b>	Disable flush after interrupt or quit.

Same deal here, but this is the first field that's missing flags found in IEEE Std 1003.1-202x ("POSIX.1"), Draft 2.1 (IEXTEN and TOSTOP). ISIG is, naturally, not yet SUSP-capable. The standard defines ECHOE as its function — erasing the last character — rather than the output sequence. ECHOK is allowed to do either [-] **echoke** mode — this system reasonably does **-echoke** since it doesn't have the flag. XCASE is lost.

The only weirdness here is that in the !ECHO ECHOE case, in *Release 3.0* "the erase character is echoed as ASCII SP BS". It also says "Note that an escape character preceding the erase or kill character removes any special function." (and likewise for EOT); this is allowed for in modern standards, cf. **IEEE Standard Portable Operating System Interface for Computer Environments, Approved August 22, 1988**. ECHONL is noted to be "useful for terminals set to local echo (so-called half duplex)". "The initial line-discipline control value is all bits clear."

The "lost" flags all last appear in Version 2 of the Single UNIX Specification ("SUSv2") and are only defined for the POSIX locale. This is a bit of an issue when the kernel has to process them (alternatively, "mangle my preferred non-seven-bit-ASCII encoding").

The ISIG "special input functions may be disabled individually by changing the value of the control character to an unlikely or impossible value (e.g. 0377)". Admittedly, the common spelling is `_POSIX_VDISABLE` nowadays, and that value is usually handled explicitly, but yeah. There's also nothing preventing this working from other remappable values in ICANON, this is likely just suboptimal phrasing location.

"The MIN and TIME values are stored in the position for the EOF and EOL characters respectively.", and to this day IEEE Std 1003.1-202x ("POSIX.1"), Draft 2.1 requires that indices for all **Special Control Characters** are unique, "except that the VMIN and VTIME subscripts may have the same values as the VEOF and VEOL subscripts, respectively."

Quite funnily, there is a marked *loss* of function against *Seventh Edition*, since START and STOP can't be remapped. There is also a provision for this (but a lesser one, in that they may just be ignored when setting, but must be otherwise provided).

Admittedly, there is also a loss of `ioctl`(s): since all parameters are integrated into one complete package, the `struct tchars TIOC[GS]ETC` requests are lost entirely, the new spellings (well, the old ones are still supported as `<sys/ttold.h>` compat shims, but)

TIOCGETP→TCGETA    Get the parameters associated with the terminal and store it in the *termio* structure referenced by **arg**.

TIOCSETN→TCGETA    Set the parameters associated with the terminal from the structure referenced by **arg**. The change is immediate.

          TCSETAW    Wait for the output to drain before setting the new parameters. This form should be used when changing parameters that will affect output.

TIOCSETP→TCGETAF    Wait for the output to drain, then flush the input queue and set the new parameters.

TIOCHPCL is removed, since it's once again provided by HUPCL.

The system ships with only one line discipline, **0**, imaginatively branded

```
/*
 * Line discipline 0
 */
```

IEEE Std 1003.1-202x ("POSIX.1"), Draft 2.1 says in its **stty RATIONALE**:

The original *stty* description was taken directly from System V and reflected the System V terminal driver **termio**. It has been modified to correspond to the terminal driver **termios**.

But this doesn't appear to be supported by either the source or the manual itself — "termio" is just the "terminal **ioct1**()" argument and its declaration and arguments live in an eponymous header. This is like calling the pre-*Release 3.0* `tty.c` "the UNIX **sgtty** driver". Parameterising it differently (hell, not even that much against *Seventh Edition*, if anything the driver is simpler) and putting the discipline-spe-

cific routines into `tt0.c` didn't really make it *different*. "the terminal driver **termios**" is also *literally* just *Release 3.0* `tty(4)` plus insubstantial wording fiddling to make it *standard*. To a *staggering* degree.

A "synchronous terminal interface" is included as `st(4)` (*ibid.*, p. 582), described as "a pseudo-device driver that enables a UNIX system to communicate with a TELETYPE® Model 40/0 ASCII synchronous terminal." utilising `vpm(4)` ("The Virtual Protocol Machine"; *ibid.*, 594), itself a KMC11 (this time spelled correctly) driver and compiler toolchain that "translates a high-level language description protocol into an intermediate language that is interpreted by an interpreter running in the KMC11." — this machinery is entirely unrelated to the teletype driver and line disciplines, and driven entirely from user-space (though a default is provided the, cf. `st(1M)` (*ibid.*, p. 343) and *UNIX System III Source Code* `src/cmd/st/`, in particular `mod40.r` therein; the corresponding `st(4)` driver lives in `src/uts/pdp11/pwb/st.c` and `src/uts/vax/pwb/st.c`, the former branded "Synchronous terminal interface for the PDP 11." and the port "TTY 40/4 driver for VAX 11/780").

`ioctl(2)` (*Release 3.0*, p. 446) is a stub even more so than the *Seventh Edition* one, giving only the prototype and errors.

`login(1)` (*Release 3.0*, p. 240) — "sign on" — is delightfully uneventful; passphrases may now expire, delightfully termed "password aging", and the ">dialup« password" becomes "a second »external« password", with a prompt of "External security:", and "If you do not complete the login successfully within a certain period of time (e.g., one minute), you are likely to be silently disconnected.", which goes hand-in-hand with **getty**'s *delay*.

`stty(1)` (ibid., pp, 348-350) sees a **SYNOPSIS** of

**stty** [ **-a** ] [ **-g** ] [ options ]

and switches to using "the device that is the current standard input" (as opposed to output, and more a saner description). Without **-ag**, "settings of certain options" are reported; with **-a**, "all of the option settings", and with **-g**, "current settings in a form that can be used as an argument to another *stty* command." — the options are fully formed here, and the output is directed to the standard output stream.

It's odd that this is the first system noting that "many combinations of the options make no sense, but no sanity checking is performed". The settable options follow. ← indicates the argument is identical to present-day (⇐ with notes); → indicates the description is the same as in *Seventh Edition* (to the precision of whitespace, punctuation, and link to `tty(4)`).

Control Modes	Description
<b>parenb</b> ( <b>-parenb</b> )	← enable (disable) parity generation and detection.
<b>parodd</b> ( <b>-parodd</b> )	← select odd (even) parity.
<b>cs5 cs6 cs7 cs8</b>	← select character size (see <i>ty(4)</i> ).
<b>0</b>	↔ hang up phone line immediately.
<b>50 75 110 134 150 200 300 600 1200 1800 2400 4800 9600 exta extb</b>	↔ Set terminal baud rate to the number given, if possible (these are the speeds supported by the DH-11 interface).
<b>hupcl</b> ( <b>-hupcl</b> )	← hang up (do not hang up) DATA-PHONE® connection on last close.

- hup** (**-hup**) ← same as **hupcl** (**-hupcl**).
- cstopb** (**-cstopb**) ← use two (one) stop bits per character.
- cread** (**-cread**) ← enable (disable) the receiver.
- clocal** (**-clocal**) ← assume a line without (with) modem control.

**Input Modes****Description**

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- ignbrk** (**-ignbrk**) ← ignore (do not ignore) break on input.
- brkint** (**-brkint**) ← signal (do not signal) INTR on break.
- ignpar** (**-ignpar**) ← ignore (do not ignore) parity errors.
- parmrk** (**-parmrk**) ← mark (do not mark) parity errors (see *ty*(4)).
- inpck** (**-inpck**) ← enable (disable) input parity checking.
- istrip** (**-istrip**) ← strip (do not strip) input characters to seven bits.
- inlcr** (**-inlcr**) ← map (do not map) NL to CR on input.
- igncr** (**-igncr**) ← ignore (do not ignore) CR on input.
- icrnl** (**-icrnl**) ← map (do not map) CR to NL on input.
- iuclc** (**-iuclc**) ← map (do not map) upper-case alphabets to lower case on input.
- ixon** (**-ixon**) ← enable (disable) START/STOP output control. Output is stopped by sending an ASCII DC3 and started by sending an ASCII DC1 .
- ixany** (**-ixany**) ← allow any character (only DC1) to restart output.

**ixoff** (**-ixoff**) ← request that the system send (not send) START/STOP characters when the input queue is nearly empty/full.

<b>Output Modes</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>opost</b> ( <b>-opost</b> )	← post-process output (do not post-process output; ignore all other output modes).
<b>olcuc</b> ( <b>-olcuc</b> )	← map (do not map) lower-case alphabets to upper case on output.
<b>onlcr</b> ( <b>-onlcr</b> )	← map (do not map) NL to CR-NL on output.
<b>ocrnl</b> ( <b>-ocrnl</b> )	← map (do not map) CR to NL on output.
<b>onocr</b> ( <b>-onocr</b> )	← do not (do) output CRs at column zero.
<b>onlret</b> ( <b>-onlret</b> )	← on the terminal NL performs (does not perform) the CR function.
<b>ofill</b> ( <b>-ofill</b> )	← use fill characters (use timing) for delays.
<b>ofdel</b> ( <b>-ofdel</b> )	← fill characters are DELs (NULs).
<b>cr0 cr1 cr2 cr3</b>	↔ select style of delay for carriage returns (see <i>tty(4)</i> ).
<b>nl0 nl1</b>	↔ select style of delay for line-feeds (see <i>tty(4)</i> ).
<b>tab0 tab1 tab2 tab3</b>	↔ select style of delay for horizontal tabs (see <i>tty(4)</i> ).
<b>bs0 bs1</b>	↔ select style of delay for backspaces (see <i>tty(4)</i> ).
<b>ff0 ff1</b>	↔ select style of delay for form-feeds (see <i>tty(4)</i> ).
<b>vt0 vt1</b>	← select style of delay for vertical tabs (see <i>tty(4)</i> ).

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<b>Local Modes</b>	<b>Description</b>
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- isig** (**-isig**)      ⇐ enable (disable) the checking of characters against the special control characters INTR and QUIT.
- icanon** (**-icanon**) ⇐ enable (disable) canonical input (ERASE and KILL processing).
- xcase** (**-xcase**)    ⇐ canonical (unprocessed) upper/lower-case presentation.
- echo** (**-echo**)      ⇐ echo back (do not echo back) every character typed.
- echoe** (**-echoe**)    ⇐ echo (**-echo**) (do not echo) ERASE character as a backspace-space-backspace string. Note: this mode will erase the ERASEed character on many CRT terminals; however, it does *not* keep track of column position and, as a result, may be confusing on escaped characters, tabs, and backspaces.
- echok** (**-echok**)    ⇐ echo (do not echo) NL after KILL character.
- lfkc** (**-lfkc**)        the same as **echok** (**-echok**); obsolete.
- echonl** (**-echonl**) ⇐ echo (do not echo) NL.
- noflsh** (**-noflsh**) ⇐ disable (enable) flush after INTR or QUIT.

Combination Modes	Description
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|--|---|
| <b>evenp</b> or <b>parity</b>                    | ⇐ enable <b>parenb</b> and <b>cs7</b> .                   |
| <b>oddp</b>                                      | ⇐ enable <b>parenb</b> , <b>cs7</b> , and <b>parodd</b> . |
| <b>-parity</b> , <b>-evenp</b> , or <b>-oddp</b> | ⇐ disable <b>parenb</b> , and set <b>cs8</b> .            |
| <b>raw</b> ( <b>-raw</b> or <b>cooked</b> )      |   |

	enable (disable) raw input and output (no ERASE, KILL, INTR, QUIT, EOT, or output post processing).
<b>nl</b> ( <b>-nl</b> )	← unset (set) <b>icrnl</b> , <b>onlcr</b> . In addition <b>-nl</b> unsets <b>inlcr</b> , <b>igncr</b> , <b>ocrnl</b> , and <b>onlret</b> .
<b>lcase</b> ( <b>-lcase</b> )	← set (unset) <b>xcase</b> , <b>iucl</b> , and <b>olcuc</b> .
<b>LCASE</b> ( <b>-LCASE</b> )	← same as <b>lcase</b> ( <b>-lcase</b> ).
<b>tabs</b> ( <b>-tabs</b> or <b>tab3</b> )	← preserve (expand to spaces) tabs when printing.
<b>ek</b>	⇐ set ERASE and KILL characters back to normal # and @.
<b>sane</b>	resets all modes to some reasonable values.
<b>term</b>	set all modes suitable for the terminal type <i>term</i> , where <i>term</i> is one of <b>tty33</b> , <b>tty37</b> , <b>vt05</b> , <b>tn300</b> , <b>ti700</b> , or <b>tek</b> .

The "134.5" spelling of "134" is retained, but undocumented.

"DATA-PHONE@" is a line of Bell modems. The only spelling change from "[**-hup**]" being trademarkisation of "dataphone" is, well.

[**-iucl**] is predicated on **ixten** since its loss in Version 3 of the Single UNIX Specification ("SUSv3").

"[**-lfkc**]" is the only psycho mode here. There's never been any mention of it anywhere before.

"[**-isig**]" is the same to the precision of *Release 3.0* not having job control. Modern [**-echoe**] implementations are usually smarter than described and *do* process tabs normally, and \-escaping is thankfully lost.

Embedded backspaces in **-echoctl** mode are usually sufficiently confusing, though.

"**echok**" corresponds to **echok -echoke** mode.

"**evenp**" and "**parity**" are documented as **parenb cs7** but are actually also **-parodd**, so as present-day.

"**ek**" uses CERASE and CKILL macros, so it is the same, but the system defaults are different.

"**sane**" is **-ignbrk brkint ignpar -parmrk -inpck istrip -inlcr -igncr icrnl -iucle ixon -ixoff opost -olcuc onlcr -ocrnl -onocr -onlret -ofill -ofdel nl0 cr0 tab0 bs0 ff0 vt0 cs7 cread parenb -parodd -clocal isig icanon -xcase echo -echoe echok -echonl -nofish** and all **Special Control Characters** default. This corresponds to, going from *Release 3.0* to present-day, a loss of **ignpar -parmrk -inpck istrip ixon cs7 parenb -parodd -clocal -echoe** and gain of **-ixany imaxbel -iutf8 echoe echoke -tostop echocfl -echoprnt -flusho iexten -extproc**.

The *terms* are the same as in *Seventh edition*, but the short forms are lost.

Due to the VMIN/VTIME VEOF/VEOL overlap, "**raw**" (all **Input Attributes** clear, **-opost cs8 -parenb -isig -icanon -xcase**) sets **min 1 time 1** (or, since no parsing provisions are made for **min time**, "**min ^A time ^A**") "**-raw**"/"**cooked**" (**brkint ignpar istrip icrnl ixon opost cs7 parenb isig icanon**) set **eof eol** to default. The latter two (sans **cs7**) is as present-day.

The **Control Assignments** table reads, for "*control-character c*":

set *control-character* to *c*, where *control-character* is **erase**, **kill**, **intr**, **quit**, **eof**, **eol**, **min**, or **time** (**min** and **time** are used with **-icanon**; see *tty(4)*). If *c* is preceded by an (escaped from the shell) caret (^), then the value used is the corresponding CTRL character (e.g., "**^d**" is a **CTRL-d**); "**^?**" is interpreted as DEL and "**^-**" is interpreted as undefined.

and for "**line i**" — "set line discipline to *i* ( $0 < i < 127$ )". The argument is a decimal integer, and the range enforced by the kernel.

It's interesting to note here that "^-" — **0377** (*UNIX System III Source Code*, `src/cmd/stty.c`) — is explicitly described as "undefined", rather than just "unlikely". No special provisions are made for **0xFF** in the kernel, it *is* just very unlikely — enough to be used as an undefined value. The gain of "^?" matches that of *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-II Version, December, 1979*. It's unclear what "escaped from the shell" means — ^ doesn't appear to be special to `sh(1)` (*Release 3.0*, pp. 237-333).

The **-g** format is the same as this implementation's (**Saved Attributes**), and read back the same way.

The first line of the no-argument format starts with

```
speed 300 baud; evenp
(or oddp as the case may be), or
speed 300 baud; -parity
```

if **-parenb**. This continues with the character size if **parenb !cs7** or **-parenb !cs8**, and as usual with defaults of **-cstopb -hupcl cread - clocal** (though, if **-cread**, "cread" is written; this can only be a bug).

The second line starts with `"line = c_line;"` (if not **0**) and continues with all **Special Control-Characters** separated with semicolons, as, given **intr ^- quit ^? erase ^E kill K eof ^@ eol 0xD8** (which is uninputtable, but):

```
intr <undef>; quit = DEL; erase = ^e; kill = K; eof = ^`; eol = -X;
```

The third line is the **Input Modes**, with defaults of **-ignbrk -brkint inpck -ignpar -parmrk istrip -inlcr -igncr -icrnl -iucle ixon ixany -ixoff** (**ignbrk** hides the value of **[-]brkint**; **-inpck** – of **[-]ignpar**; **-xon** – of **[-]ixany**).

The fourth line is the **Output Modes**: either **-opost**, or flags in manual order, default off (except for **ofill ofdel** rendered as "del-fill" and **ofill -ofdel** rendered as "nul-fill") and **0** delays hidden. These (and two others, all listed below) are the only modes accepted as input but not noted in the manual.

The fifth line is the **Local Modes**, with defaults of **isig icanon -xcase, [-]echo [-]echoe [-]echok** always written, then of **-echonl -noflsh**,

The **-a** format is similar, but arranged differently: the first line lists the speed, line discipline, and **Special Control Characters**; the second the **Control Modes**, third – **Input Modes** (broken into fourth before **[-]ixon**), fifth – **Local Modes**, sixth – **Output Modes**, all in manual order with no aggregation.

<b>Secret mode</b>	<b>Is</b>
<b>fill</b>	<b>ofill -ofdel</b>
<b>-fill</b>	<b>-ofill -ofdel</b>
<b>nul-fill</b>	<b>ofill -ofdel</b>
<b>del-fill</b>	<b>ofill ofdel</b>

**UNIX User's Manual, Release 3.0, add'l bibliog.**

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*DJ11 asynchronous 16-line multiplexer maintenance manual*, EK-DJ11-MM-003, 4th Printing, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/EK-DJ11-MM-003\\_DJ11\\_Maint\\_Man\\_Aug76.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/EK-DJ11-MM-003_DJ11_Maint_Man_Aug76.pdf), p. 1-5, Digital Equipment Corporation, Maynard, Massachusetts, August 1976, General Description, 1.6 Specifications, **Performance, Receivers and Transmitters**, *Data Rate*.

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This configuration is called out explicitly in the manual:

A typical application of the KMC11 is the control of several peripheral devices attached to the UNIBUS. These devices, for example the DZ11 8-line asynchronous multiplexer, typically operate by programmed I/O, interrupting the PDP-11 processor for each character input or putput. However, with the addition of a KMC11, this processor overhead can be substantially reduced and I/O throughput increased.

**offiling** delays doesn't appear to be a fundamental side-effect of this. *KMC11 Programmer's Manual*, AA-5244B-TC, Second Printing, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/KMC11\\_ProgMan.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/dec/unibus/KMC11_ProgMan.pdf), p. 1-2, Digital Equipment Corporation, Maynard, Massachusetts 01754, December 1977, Introduction, 1.2 KMC11 General Description, 1.2.1 Controlling Peripherals over the UNIBUS.

**UNIX System User's Manual, System V; UNIX Administrator's Manual, Release 5.0**

Yes, there's two of them, and yes, they're branded differently; this coincides with the Bell System breakup, and the User's Manual title page has a beautifully-crafted "we're kinda mad about this but don't wanna be openly super mad about it" blurb — *UNIX System User's Manual, System V, Western Electric Company, Incorporated.*, 301-905 Issue 1, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_1/301-905\\_UNIX\\_System\\_V\\_Release\\_1\\_Users\\_Manual\\_Jan83.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_1/301-905_UNIX_System_V_Release_1_Users_Manual_Jan83.pdf), p. 1, January 1983.

The manual sections are helpfully rearranged: i.a., devices ("Special Files") now live in section 7 — *UNIX System Administrator's Manual, Release 5.0, Bell Laboratories, Inc.*, 301-926 ISS. 1, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_1/301-926\\_UNIX\\_System\\_V\\_Release\\_1\\_Administrators\\_Manual\\_Jun82.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_1/301-926_UNIX_System_V_Release_1_Administrators_Manual_Jun82.pdf), p. 3, June 1982, Introduction.

The haphazard assembly of random uploadable code is productised as `sternio(7)` (*ibid.*, p. 234) — "general synchronous terminal interface" — which roughly simulates the normal teletype interface, alongside `stgetty(1M)` (*ibid.*, p. 160) and `stlogin(1)` (*UNIX System User's Manual, System V*, p. 351). We are, thankfully, saved from a hypothetical `ststty(1)`, but not `scat(1)` (*ibid.*, p. 305).

`login(1)` (*ibid.*, pp. 231-232)'s "»external« password" reverts to its CB-UNIX spelling (or, more likely, the ~~in-breeding~~ cross-pollination goes the other way, or, likelier still, since CB-UNIX is noted as a source system for *Release 3.0 and* post-dates it, both).

The same holds for `getty(1M)` (*UNIX System Administrator's Manual, Release 5.0*, pp. 116-117), they're both dated March 13, 1981 (with header for "CB-UNIX 2.3") in the *CB-UNIX Programmer's Manual*, so it's best-described in terms of the differences from *there*. "[ -t timeout ]" "specifies that *getty* should exit if the operation on the line succeeds and no one types anything in the specified number of seconds." — this is essentially a port of *Release 3.0 delay*. The *type* list is (unexpectedly?) *shorter*:

<b>none</b>	default
<b>vt61</b>	DEC vt61
<b>vt100</b>	DEC vt100
<b>hp45</b>	Hewlett-Packard HP45
<b>c100</b>	Concept 100

And caveatted:

Also, for terminal type to have any meaning, the virtual terminal handlers must be compiled into the operating systems. They are available, but not compiled into the default condition.

The more robust line discipline zero is infinitely better than the gang of CB-UNIX ones, so so is *linedisc*:

Again the hooks for line disciplines are available in the operating system but there is only one presently available, the default line discipline, **LDISC0**.

`^U` is also understood when reading the username, and **kill** adjusted. If the "»standard« ESS2" (note the odd updated branding) line editing characters are seen, "it arranges for this set of characters to be used for these functions.", rather than setting an exotic mode, since they all do map here, as **intr** & **erase** \_ **kill**

\$ **eo1** / **eo2** ! — this checks out in the source, likewise provided to me by my good friend Juliano: UNIX SYSVr1 Source Code, <https://vetusware.com/download/UNIX%20SYSVr1%20Source%20Code%20r1/?id=11570>, `sysv-pdp11_usr-src/cmd/getty.c`.

`dz(7)` (*UNIX System Administrator's Manual, Release 5.0*, p. 199) is marked "(DEC only)"; the "(3B20S only)" `tn4(7)` (*ibid.*, p. 246) and `tn74(7)` (*ibid.*, p. 257) appear, identical except the former is eight-line and the latter – two-line: "The *c\_flag* items of **B200**, **EXTA**, and **EXTB** are not available.", which sounds an awful lot *just* like the DZ11.

`tty(4)` is split into `tty(7)` (*ibid.*, p. 252) — "controlling terminal interface" — with the `/dev/tty` description paragraph and `termio(7)` (*ibid.*, pp. 238-244) contains the rest, unchanged.

Of course, the header itself *does* change, if only to accommodate the STDTTY replacement — now `<sys/termio.h>`, `VEOL2` is allocated as `c_cc[6]` (*UNIX SYSVr1 Source Code*, `sysv-pdp11_usr-src/uts/sys/termio.h`). Video-terminal-specific flags also appear — the list of terminals is taken *verbatim*, down to "Hewlett", from CB-UNIX, as are the flags, and argument format (this is also copied verbatim, save for the new **ioctl()** names):

```
/*
 * structure of ioctl arg for LDGETT and LDSETT
 */
struct termcb {
    char    st_flg;          /* term flags */
```

```

char    st_termt;        /* term type */
char    st_crow;         /* gtty only - current row */
char    st_ccol;         /* gtty only - current col */
char    st_vrow;         /* variable row */
char    st_lrow;         /* last row */

};

```

`stty(1)` (*UNIX System User's Manual, System V*, pp. 355-357) is unchanged, save for the addition of some `stermio(7)`-specific modes. These are outlined below, but they aren't "actually" local, since that interface is much simpler (if insane).

Local Modes	Description
<b>stwrap</b> ( <code>-stwrap</code> )	disable (enable) truncation of lines longer than 79 characters on a synchronous line.
<b>stflush</b> ( <code>-stflush</code> )	enable(disable) flush on a synchronous line after every <code>write(2)</code> .
<b>stappl</b> ( <code>-stappl</code> )	use application mode (use line mode) on a synchronous line.

More importantly, a copy-paste error that meant `-lcase` included `-xcase` but `-LCASE` didn't is fixed — (*UNIX SYSVr1 Source Code*, `sysv-pdp11_usr-src/cmd/stty.c`).

This does leave the system in an odd state where `VEOL2` is supported (*ibid.*, `sysv-pdp11_usr-src/uts/pdp11/io/tt?.c`), but only settable by **getty**, and not even observable with **stty**. This must be a fun mode to try to get out of if you trigger it by accident.

## UNIX System V Release 2.0

The only way you'd know that these are AT&T System V Release 2 UNIX is by process of elimination, since that's the largest release number that appears on exactly one page out of the entire 530-page volume — Steven V. Earhart, *UNIX Programmer's manual, AT&T, CBS College Publishing's UNIX System Library*, Select Code 230-031 ISBN 0-03-009317-1, Volume 1: Commands and utilities, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_2/UNIX\\_Programmers\\_Manual\\_Vol\\_1\\_Commands\\_and\\_Utilities\\_1986.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_2/UNIX_Programmers_Manual_Vol_1_Commands_and_Utilities_1986.pdf), pp. 77-78, 1986, `convert(1)`.

Rather than saying that @ "»kills«" all prior characters on the line, it now "cancels" them (*ibid.*, Introduction, How To Get Started, How to communicate through your terminal, para. 3, p. vii).

`stermio(7)` and friends appear to be gone, and the individual driver pages are lost — Steven V. Earhart, *UNIX Programmer's manual, AT&T, CBS College Publishing's UNIX System Library*, Select Code 230-033 ISBN 0-03-009313-9, Volume 3: System administration facilities, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_2/UNIX\\_Programmers\\_Manual\\_Vol\\_3\\_System\\_Administration\\_Facilities\\_1986.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_2/UNIX_Programmers_Manual_Vol_3_System_Administration_Facilities_1986.pdf), pp. vii-viii, 1986, Table of Contents.

`termio(7)` (*ibid.*, pp. 119-129) now has "SWTCH" allocated as `c_cc[7]` with no default listed, but the summary describes it as

(Control-z or ASCII SUB) is used by the job control facility, *shl*, to change the current layer to the control layer.

Picking SUB(stitute) is probably the only sane part of this model of "job control".

ISIG and NOFLSH also govern **switch** p.a. to **intr quit**.

A *c\_cflag* LOBLK ("Block layer output.") is added, described as

If LOBLK is set, the output of a job control layer will be blocked when it is not the current layer.

Otherwise the output generated by that layer will be multiplexed onto the current layer.

Which is kinda like **tostop** if **tostop** just blocked instead of SIGTTOUing.

The **SEE ALSO** defers to `sh1(1)` (*UNIX Programmer's manual, Volume 1, 1986*, pp. 397-398) — "shell layer manager", no-argument **SYNOPSIS**,

*Shl* allows a user to interact with more than one shell from a single terminal. The user controls these shells, known as *layers*, using the commands described below.

The I/O is as-expected — reading from a background "layer" blocks, setting "[**-**]loblk" "within the layer" (since all of these sessions are just on different teletypes) is as-described.

The *stty* character **switch** (set to ^Z if NUL) is used to switch control to *shl* from a layer. *Shl* has its own prompt, >>>, to help distinguish it from a layer.

Notably, this is the *only* instance of special treatment of a character, and there *is* an established C-prefix convention which is used for everything else *and* this — CSWTCH is defined correctly — but the kernel doesn't use it, and initialises it to **0**. At least the special treatment is only in the userspace, and **sh1** sets **switch** to CSWTCH if it's... CNSWTCH, which is defined to **0** just below its non-no variant. Note also that this *overlaps* with the default settings for **eol eol2** — and takes precedent over them, so "EOL", whose description starts with "(ASCII NUL)" is invalidated by default if **isig**.

A *layer* is a shell which has been bound to a virtual tty device (*/dev/sxt???*). The virtual device can be manipulated like a real tty device using *stty* (1) and *ioctl* (2). Each layer has its own process group id.

There's a prompt, so this is naturally conversational. A *summary* of meaningful commands (for the full inglorious, see the original) is included below, with their job control equivalents. For the purposes of this analysis, one could consider a  $\text{^Z}$  here and  $\text{^Z}$ , **bg** on a modern ("BSD-style") system the same fundamental operation; things diverge from there.

Command	Equivalent	Add'l summary
<b>create</b> [ <i>name</i> ]	<code>PS1="name " sh</code>	The default <i>name</i> is a digit — the last character of the layer's <code>sxt(7)</code> device — in parentheses. Explicit " <i>digit</i> " <i>names</i> are therefore illegal.
<b>delete</b> <i>name</i> [ <i>name</i> ... ]	<code>kill -HUP %name...</code>	Deletes the specified layers; the <code>SIGHUP</code> ping is a result of that.
<b>layers</b> [ <b>-l</b> ] [ <i>name</i> ... ]	<code>jobs [%name...]</code>	Roughly. No- <b>l</b> lists just the names and "process group" (which is more akin to <code>jobs -p</code> ). "The <b>-l</b> option produces a <i>ps</i> (1)-like listing.", which is closer to present-day no-flag <code>jobs</code> .
<b>resume</b> [ <i>name</i> ]	<code>fg</code> or <code>fg %name</code>	
<b>toggle</b>	<code>fg -</code>	"the layer that was current before the last current layer"

**quit**                   <sup>^D</sup>                   All layers get SIGHUPped.  
*name*                   **fg** *%name*

Of course, modern shells will decidedly object to being job-controlled, but in the context of *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* under **cs**h (with a job-control-agnostic **sh**), this does hold (as verified on a 4.2BSD system). Not that in general you'd actually want to job-control entire shell sessions, but.

Hidden in the **create** description is the blurb that "A maximum of seven layers can be created." This is by far the worst "job control" scheme ever devised; its only "redeeming" quality is that `sxt(7)` (*UNIX Programmer's manual, Volume 3, 1986*, pp. 116-118) provides almost-general virtual teletypes.

`getty(1M)` (*ibid.*, pp. 64-66) appears to lose both the ESS and `'\b'/'^U'` processing, but doesn't, it just stops being documented. Also undocumented is that it starts setting **xc**ase for lines it deems upper-case-only — this is apparent in the source, similarly provided to me by my good friend Juliano: UNIX SYSVr2 Source Code, <https://vetusware.com/download/UNIX%20SYSVr2%20Source%20Code%20r2/?id=11571>, `src/cmd/getty.c`.

It's important to note that the manuals post-date the system by approximately two years — the kernel branding is for 1984 (*ibid.*, `src/uts/vax/os/main.c`) and other, themselves unsourced, secondary sources agree.

login(1) (*UNIX Programmer's manual, Volume 1, 1986*, pp. 232-234) gains a fun facility where if the shell passwd(5) field is \*, it chroots to the home directory and reexecs /etc/login,

The aforementioned **swtch/eol[2]** precedence is *UNIX SYSVr2 Source Code*, src/uts/vax/io/tt0.c, **ttin()**, if (flg) while (nchar--).

termio(7) Extends "or the timeout value TIME has expired" to "has expired between characters"; *ibid.* and tt[y1].c corroborate that this just a wording change.

*Ibid.*, src/uts/sys/termio.h concretifies speeds:

```
#define B19200 0000016
#define B38400 0000017
                                /* EXTA and EXTB should be deleted when */
                                /* cleaned out of the source */
#define EXTA 0000016
#define EXTB 0000017
                                /* they are aliases for b19200 and B38400 */
```

This clean-out doesn't appear to have been done, and there are zero users, but.

stty(1) (*UNIX Programmer's manual, Volume 1, 1986*, pp. 420-423) loses the stermio(7) references (but not the "st\*" modes), gains the LOBLK proxy, below, adds SWTCH notes to "**isig (-isig)**", "**noflsh (-noflsh)**", and "**raw (-raw or cooked)**" and a **swtch** one to **Control Assignments**.

In "**hupcl** (**-hupcl**)" "a DATA-PHONE® data set connection" is reduced to "DATA-PHONE® connection".

The description for "**llocal** (**-llocal**)" starts with an 'n', for "n assume...". Unclear why.

<b>Control Modes</b>	<b>Description</b>
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<b>loblk</b> ( <b>-loblk</b> )	block (do not block) output from a non-current layer.
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*UNIX SYSVr2 Source Code*, `src/cmd/stty.c` lines up with this, except all mentions of `LOBLK` and `VSWTCH` are predicated on not being built for the PDP-11. Presumably due to memory constraints? But enforcing this *here* is odd.

The default for no-argument output is "**-loblk**".

### **UNIX® System V User's Reference Manual; AT&T System V.3 Administrator's Reference Manual**

In this case the only way to figure out that this 350-page volume is for AT&T System V Release 3 UNIX is in the **SEE ALSO** section in *UNIX® User's Reference manual, Prentice-Hall C and UNIX® Systems Library*, ISBN 0-13-940487-2 025, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_3/UNIX\\_System\\_V\\_Users\\_Reference\\_Manual\\_1987.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_3/UNIX_System_V_Users_Reference_Manual_1987.pdf), pp. 116-117, AT&T, 1987, 1986, `getopts(1)`.

The "valid user name" requirement is changed to "valid login id" — the purpose of this is unclear, unless the editor was smoking on that psychoanalysis mid — and the "common"/"occasionally available" dichotomy is hegelised by commonalising all of them and removing **110**, **150**, and **300** baud, all of which between ten- and four-fold slower than the slowest listed, now **1200**, **2400**, **4800**, and **9600** baud (*ibid.*,

Introduction, How To Get Started, Logging In, paras. 1-2, p. 4).

"you can simply hang up the phone" is for the first time predicated — "If you've dialed in," (ibid., Logging Out, p. 5).

The gnome is fired, replaced by impersonal language; automation gets to us all in the end (ibid., How to Communicate Through Your Terminal, para. 1, p. 5).

"(@ is called the line kill character.)" — which wasn't actually clear before (ibid., para. 3). One wonders what the purpose of changing the description in the first place was.

The first occurrence of the "**CONTROL-**" notation explains how to type the characters described ("pressing the control key and alphabetic **s** simultaneously"). The rest of the **stop/start** paragraph is rewritten to be almost cute (if you forget that this is AT&T product):

Thus, if you had typed **cat yourfile** and the contents of **yourfile** were passing by on the screen more rapidly than you could read it, you would type **CONTROL-S** to freeze the output for a moment.

Typing **CONTROL-Q** would allow the output to resume its rapid pace.

The "(or any other character, for that matter)" is removed, even though **ixany** is still the default (ibid. para. 4, pp. 5-6).

And the only extant archived document that should have `getty(1M)` instead defers to D-NIX-specific documentation — *AT&T System V.3 Administrator's Reference Manual*, 089-9717-00, Version A, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/diab/DS90/AT\\_T-System-V.3-administrators-reference-manual.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/diab/DS90/AT_T-System-V.3-administrators-reference-manual.pdf), p. 264, Diab

Data AB, S-183 02, Täby, Sweden, 89-11-01, Manual references, G.

`termio(7)` (ibid., pp. 229-236) finally describes what it means by "flushing" a buffer by expounding

When the input limit is reached, the buffer is flushed and all the saved characters are thrown away without notice.

and notes `EOL2` in the summary as "is another additional line delimiter."; the allocation table remains unchanged. New `c_cflags` are listed below.

<i>c_cflag</i>	Pos'd before	Description
B19200	EXTA	19200 baud
B38400	EXTB	38400 baud

RCV1EN  
XMT1EN      LOBLK

The pre-`LOBLK` insertions also move the values: `LOBLK` was **0010000**, now that's `RCV1EN`, and they continue to be shifted left by one as-if normal.

These new flags are not described (in the manual or the comment) or indeed used anywhere on the system, so the only side-effect of this is that **`stty`**, the only user-space `LOBLK` user, needs to be rebuilt — thanks as ever to my good friend Juliano for lending me the dumps: UNIX SYSVr3 Source Code, <https://vetusware.com/download/UNIX%20SYSVr3%20Source%20Code%20r3/?id=11572>, `32/usr/src/uts/3b2/sys/termio.h`.

The system-default speed is set to **1200** baud on the U3B16 (ibid.).

In AT&T System V Release 3.2 UNIX specifically (cf. `31/usr/src/uts/3b2/sys/termio.h`), `TIOC[GS]WINSZ` (ibid.) and the corresponding `struct winsize` appear, all as present-day (ibid., `32/usr/src/uts/3b2/sys/ptem.h`; dated 1984, nominally predating **4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution** by two years).

`stty(1)` (*UNIX® User's Reference manual, 1987, 1986*, pp. 257-259) starts with explaining the character format in the output (and failing to escape the accents into proper carets and backticks, so, especially in double quotes, they're absolute hash; this is fixed below), most notably:

For example, normally `stty -a` will report that the value of `swtch` is `"^"`; however, if `shl (1)` or `layers (1)` has been invoked, `stty -a` will have the value `"^z"`.

(Where `layers(1)` (ibid., pp. 148-149) is "layer multiplexor for windowing terminals", out of scope, impossible to characterise without the `xt(7)` (which may have "channel groups", likely some sort of generalisation of `sxt(7)`, backing `shl(1)`) manual; layers are "manipulated in a terminal-dependent manner" and "Each layer is in most ways functionally identical to a separate terminal.", so you could think of it like the back of an `xterm(1)`, whose front (render, display, windowing, &c.) is provided by the terminal hardware.)

**Control Modes** `exta` `extb` are replaced with **19200 38400**.

"DATA-PHONE@" in "**hupcl** (**-hupcl**)" description is replaced with "Dataphone".

The descriptions for the three "**st\*** **Local Modes** all gain "(Does not apply to the 3B2.)".

Indeed, not even compatibility aliases remain, but secret "**19.2**" and "**38.4**" aliases appear (*UNIX SYSVr3 Source Code*, 301/usr/src/cmd/stty/stty.c). The output speed table is updated appropriately to not show the newly-numeric speeds as **0**.

Additionally, **sane** doesn't reset **swtch** anymore, accompanied by a `/* SWTCH purposely not set */` comment. Maybe it would've been a better idea to just make the default... sane? And not have "**stty sane**" effectively turn off job control? We may never know.

### **X/OPEN Portability Guide (July 1985)**

`termio(7)`, as found in the *System V Interface Definition, Issue 1 (Spring 1985)* is optional, *X/OPEN Portability Guide, The X/OPEN Group Members*, ISBN: 0 444 87839 4, Part II The X/OPEN System V Specification, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/xOpen/X\\_Open\\_Portability\\_Guide\\_1985](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/xOpen/X_Open_Portability_Guide_1985), Chapter 1 Interface Definition, 1.2 Status of Interfaces, 1.2.2 Optional, The Netherlands, July 1985, `xpg_2_xopen_system_v_specification_1.pdf`.

Because "Some X/OPEN systems may not support any asynchronous lines, or may only support them over networks." (ibid., 1.10 Caveats, 1.10.2 `Termio(7)`). Provisions are made for awful V.24/RS232C implementations with no modem control — the carrier is to be assumed always-present.

Ibid., `xpg_2_xopen_system_v_specification_3.pdf`, Chapter 7 Special Files, `console(7)` (p. `CONSOLE(7).1`) — "System console interface" — and `tty(7)` (p. `TTY(7)`) are included verbatim, "except that the SVID states that the system console works through the *termio* interface. This is not necessarily true of X/OPEN systems."

`termio(7)` (ibid., pp. `TERMIO(7).1-TERMIO(7).11`) — "general terminal interface (**OPTIONAL**)" — is "Identical to the `SVID` entry" "except for minor changes to the first paragraph", but since that's lost to time, the delta below is presented from just AT&T System V Release 2 UNIX, and likely applies to both documents. Expectedly, the specific process names (like being "opened by *getty*") are generalised to "the system".

Rather than a hard **256** bytes, the current limit becomes "`{MAX_CHAR}` characters", defined in `limits(5)` (ibid., Chapter 5 Header Files, pp. `LIMITS(5).1-LIMITS(5).2`) — "Implementation Specific Constants" — in `<limits.h>` as "max size of character input buffer" with no minimum value.

If the process being STOPped hasn't "made other arrangements", additionally "the abnormal termination routines will be executed", rather than explicitly a `core` core dump.

`SWTCH` is missing from the summary (presumably because it just defers to a specific program?) and the subsequent list of **Special Control Characters** changeable by the user, but the `c_cc` allocation table is unchanged. This has the side-effect of continuing to omit `VEOL2` and the out-of-order allocation and lack of `VSWTCH` default being unexplained in (now) a standards document.

`NCC` is generalised to

```
/* size of the array
 * c_cc for special control characters */
```

And the unlabelled delay macros gain descriptions in the form of (Carriage-return delay type *N*) (except it's "Backspace-delay" for some reason); `NL[01]` are instead described as "New-Line character type *N*"

with no corresponding description change – the meaning of this is unclear.

EXT[AB] are removed entirely and replaced with B19200, B38400 (notably more extreme than AT&T System V Release 3 UNIX, but at that point no device in common use has supported the "external" speeds for years).

TC[GS]ETA spellings are replaced with TC[GS]ETS, with links to **APPLICATION USAGE**, noting:

TCGETA and are *ioctl(2)* commands that are reserved to maintain source code compatibility. Their use is even more system dependent than the *termio* interface and source code that uses these commands may not work correctly on all systems.

This may ring roughly true on some weird derivatives, but doesn't appear close to reasonable for the range of systems described herein so far. Of course, TCSETA[WF] remain unchanged.

A **MIN/TIME Interaction** section is added, expounding the minutiae of how **min time** govern **-icanon** input buffering. It's all as-described and the wording largely survives with editorial changes to IEEE Std 1003.1-202x ("POSIX.1"), Draft 2.1 — the prose re-states the in-line "This allows fast bursts of input to be read efficiently while still allowing single character input." "The time value represents tenths of seconds." prescription of purpose as "TIME is a timer of 0.1 second granularity that is used to timeout bursty and short term data transmissions."

A notable mention is also found in *ibid.*, Part VI Source Code Transfer, Chapter 5 Other Techniques (`xpg_6_source_code_transfer.pdf`, p. 5.1) with the following requirement from the "far from easy to use" **uucp**:

The TTY drivers should support XON/XOFF (ASCII DC1/DC3) handshaking and an 8-bit transparent mode.

### **X/Open Portability Guide (December 1988)**

X/Open Portability Guide Issue 2 (“XPG2”) doesn’t appear to have been archived at all, and of *Issue 3* only *Volume 1* seems to’ve been, so tracking changes to the teletype interface is, unfortunately, impossible. *Issue 2* is the first one to include utilities, and "Little material in this volume has been updated since Issue 2." — *X/Open Portability Guide, XSI Commands and Utilities, X/Open Company, Ltd.*, Issue 3 ISBN 0-13-685835-X, Volume 1, <https://archive.org/details/xopen-portability-xsi-commands-utilities/page/n5/mode/2up>, p. 1, Abbots House, Abbey Street, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 3BD, United Kingdom, December 1988, Chapter 1 Introduction, 1.1 OVERVIEW, 1.1.2 Important Note.

Notably, however, i.a., "the current descriptions of the utilities are incomplete and lack precision" and "There are many inconsistencies in the use of terminology in this volume", so

The **IEEE P1003.2 Shell and Application Utilities Interface for Computer Operating System Environments** Working Group is currently redefining most of the utilities in this volume. This volume will be aligned with **IEEE Std. 1003.2-19xx** after **IEEE Std. 1003.2-19xx** attains full use status. During this alignment process the problems noted above will be addressed.

Which is a bit of a cop-out from the back-cover "X/Open is not a standards-setting body."

Ibid., *Utilities*, **stty** (pp. 252-256) is largely just the AT&T System V Release 2 UNIX one — with the `termios(7)` reference appropriately updated to *Volume 2* and the rest removed — and shaded UN ("Possibly unsupportable feature."). No changes from *Issue 2* are noted.

**"0"** is generalised to

hang up line immediately. This applies to all terminal lines, not just modem lines. A `SIGHUP` signal is sent to all processes attached to the line.

The list of speeds becomes a *"number"* mode, described as

set terminal baud rate to the *number* given, if possible. (Not all speeds are supported by all hardware interfaces.)

The **"hupcl (-hupcl)"** `"DATA-PHONE@"` is debranded to `"modem"`.

The stray `"n"` in **"clocal (-clocal)"** is pruned.

**"loblk (-loblk)"** is caveatted on

The *loblk* option is supported on systems that support *shl*. This option may not be supported by all hardware interfaces.

The odd **"brkint (-brkint)"** `"INTR"` signalling subject becomes a reasonabler `"SIGINT"`.

**"ixon (-ixon)"** loses the description of how its `"START/STOP output control"` actually happens, and **"ix-any (-ixany)"** loses the definition for the counterfactual.

All `"NL"`s and `"CR"`s are expanded to `"newline"`s and `"carriage-return"`s; for **"onlret (-onlret)"** `"on the`

terminal NL performs" becomes "the terminal newline key performs"; "carriage returns" in "**cr0 cr1 cr2 cr3**" are matched to this new punctuation.

The `VSWTCH` erasure continues in its elision from "**isig (-isig)**", "**noflsh (-noflsh)**", and "**raw (-raw or cooked)**".

The "obsolete" "**lfkc (-lfkc)**" is removed and the "**st\***" modes naturally do not fit into the standard.

"*swtch*" in the **Control Assignments** is shaded OP ("Dependent on optional service in XSI."), and the line discipline range is rephrased as "[0, 127]".

"**raw (-raw or cooked)**" additionally says it means "and no parity". It's unclear what this could mean.

The "**tabs (-tabs or tab3)**" becomes "**tabs (-tabs or tab8)**" it's wildly unclear what that could *possibly* mean, except maybe that the editor needs new glasses?

"**ek**" resets "back to the system defaults" rather than any explicit values.

The "**term**" combo group is gone.

The **APPLICATION USAGE** section notes that "Typical implementations of this utility require a communications line configured to use the *termios* interface" (and, if none exist, you may not ship **stty**) — this (or *Issue 2*, naturally) is the first occurrence of "termios", at least nominally distinct from any existing interface.

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This isn't strictly spelled out in *Volume 1*, but "XSI Issue 3 is fully compliant with IEEE Std 1003.1-1988 (POSIX.1)." — *XPG3-XPG4 Base Migration Guide, Version 2, X/Open Company Limited*, ISBN: 1-85912-156-X X/Open Document Number: G501, <https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9294999899/toc.pdf>, p. 6, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX, United Kingdom, December 1995, Part 1: General Information, Chapter 1 Introduction, 1.3 Conformance to Standards.

The deltas listed for the interfaces agree (ibid., Part 3: System Interfaces and Headers Migration, Chapter 7 System Interfaces, all functions `cf*( )` and `tc*( )`, pp. 127-128, 204-207) (ibid., Chapter 8 Headers, 8.3 Header Migration Information, `<termios.h>`, p. 235), so this is a reasonable proxy ( $\pm$  X/OPEN bugs) to the interface of *Issue 3* (and *Issue 2*, presumably, it's hinted it used a draft ("IEEE P1003.1 Trial Use Standard (April 1986)" – *Issue 3 Volume 1*, Referenced Documents, p. xii)).

"{\_POSIX\_VDISABLE}" is defined as

Terminal special characters defined in `<termios.h>` §7.1.2 can be disabled using this character value, if it is defined. See `tcgetattr()` and `tcsetattr()` §7.2.1.

which is as present-day — *IEEE Standard Portable Operating System Interface for Computer Environments 1003.1 POSIX*, SH12211 IEEE Std 1003.1-1988 FIPS PUB 151-1 ISBN 1-55937-003-3, <https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/Legacy/FIPS/fipspub151-1.pdf>, p. 48, The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc, 345 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017, USA, August 22, 1988, **Table 2-9**. Execution-Time Symbolic Constants.

And "{\_POSIX\_JOB\_CONTROL}" as "If this symbol is defined, it indicates that the implementation supports job control." *ibid.*, **Table 2-8**. Compile-Time Symbolic Constants — this is echoed through **setpgid()** (*ibid.*, 4. Process Environment, 4.3 Process Groups., 4.3.3 Set Process Group ID for Job Control.), **tcgetpgrp()** (*ibid.*, 7. Device- and Class-Specific Functions, **7.2 General Terminal Interface Control Functions.**, 7.2.3 Get Foreground Process Group ID., p. 139), and **tcsetpgrp()** (*ibid.*, 7.2.4 Set Foreground Process Group ID.), all of which are allowed to `ENOSYS` out if job control is not implemented.

Job control is defined succinctly (*ibid.*, 2, **2.3 General Terms., job control.**, p. 31) as

A facility that allows users to selectively stop (suspend) the execution of *processes* and continue (resume) their execution at a later point. The user typically employs this facility via the interactive interface jointly supplied by the terminal I/O driver and a command interpreter. *Conforming implementations* may optionally support *job control* facilities; the presence of this option is indicated to the application at compile time or run time by the definition of the `{_POSIX_JOB_CONTROL}` symbol; see **Symbolic Constants** §2.10).

This agrees with *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-II Version, November, 1980* more so than AT&T System V Release 2 UNIX, and this is confirmed in *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988*, Appendix B. Rationale and Notes, B.2 Definitions and General Requirements., **B.2.3 General Terms., job control.** (pp. 197-201; yes, four and a half pages), Implementing Job Control Systems, para. 1 (p. 200):

The intent in adding 4.2BSD-style *job control* functionality was to adopt the necessary 4.2BSD programmatic interface with only minimal changes to resolve syntactic or semantic conflicts with System V or to close recognized security holes.

Indeed, it's much more useful to look at the interface through the lens of the rationale — *ibid.*, **B.7 Device- and Class-Specific functions.** (pp. 258-265) Appendix B. Rationale and Notes, **B.7 Device- and Class-Specific functions.** — "After considerable debate, a structure similar to, but more flexible than, the AT&T System III *termio* was agreed upon. The format of that structure, referred to as the *termios* structure, has formed the basis for the current section.", and brings with it in particular new **tc\***(-group functions which universally replace the traditional **ioctl**() agglomeration: **tcsetattr**() for **TCSETA** (and the rest, but unnoted; see below) and **tc[gs]etpgrp**() for **TIOC[GS]PGGRP** (*ibid.*, **B.7.2 General Terminal Interface Control Functions.**, **B.7.2.3 Get Foreground Process Group ID.** and **B.7.2.4 Set Foreground Process Group ID.**, p. 265; "except for the additional security restriction that the referenced terminal must be the controlling terminal for the calling process" for both and "the specified new process group must be currently in use in the caller's session" for the latter), since they allow for full (any) type-checking, and for "networked implementations" it's impossible to pass arbitrary **ioctl**(s) through, since "only the device driver knows for sure" in which direction data flows (*ibid.*, B.7, paras. 9-15, p. 259).

The standard specifies that if an attempt to set the input baud rate to zero is made by *cfsetispeed*(), the input baud rate will be instead set to the output baud rate by *cfsetispeed*(). This allows implementations to provide support for split baud rates or not.

which is a bit of a cop-out (and, frankly, frivolous, since no-one has ever used them) in conjunction with In historical implementations, the baud rate information is traditionally kept in *c\_cflag*. Applications should be written to presume that this might be the case (and thus not blindly copy *c\_cflag*) but not to rely on it, in case it is in some other field of the structure. Setting the *c\_cflag* field absolutely after setting a baud rate is a bad idea because of this.

(*ibid.*, **B.7.1 General Terminal Interface.**, B.7.1.2 Settable Parameters., **B.7.1.2.7 Baud Rate Functions.**, p. 264); note also that "traditionally" starts at AT&T System III UNIX, which'd successfully shed the "just put device registers" day-one legacy, which is *re*-introduced, if anything.

*Ibid.*, **B.7.1.2.6 Special Control Characters.**(!, p. 263) concedes that "Permitting VMIN and VTIME to overlap with VEOF and VEOL was a compromise", and that "Only when backwards compatibility of object code is a serious concern to an implementor should an implementation continue this practice.". Indeed, why AT&T System III UNIX did it, besides saving two bytes, is a mystery.

Similarly,

The alternate behavior possible when ECHOK or ECHOE are specified with ICANON is permitted as a compromise depending on what the actual hardware can do. Erasing characters and lines is preferred, but is not always possible.

(*ibid.*, **B.7.1.2.5 Local Modes.**), and

Although a more optimal structure for implementations may be possible, the degree of change to applications would be significantly larger.

(*ibid.*, **B.7.1.2.1 termios Structure.**, p. 262).

The removal of all *c\_oflag* values sans `OPOST` (ibid., 7, **7.1 General Terminal Interface.**, 7.1.2 Settable Parameters., **7.1.2.3 Output Modes.**, p. 129) is rationalised as "There is nothing that a portable application should do to its output for a terminal because that would require knowledge of the operation of the terminal. It is the responsibility of the operating system to provide postprocessing appropriate to the output device", and "Extensions to the standard to control the type of postprocessing already exist, and are expected to continue into the future. The control of these features is primarily to adjust the interface between the system and the terminal device so the output appears on the display correctly. This should be set up before use by any application." (ibid., Appendix B, B.7, B.7.1, B.7.1.2, **B.7.1.2.3 Output Modes.**, p. 263).

`VERASE` is explicitly intended to erase by character, with proper handling of multibyte characters; at time of writing (appx. 34 years after this publication) a survey of common implementations reveals that this holds for Linux (if **iutf8** and input is UTF-8) and *almost* the illumos gate (which nevertheless fails). Analogously, *t\_werasc*, spelled "4.3BSD"'s "WERASE character",

has not been specified in the standard because it is difficult to define in the international environment. It is only useful for languages where words are delimited by blanks. In some ideographic languages, such as Japanese and Chinese, words are not delimited at all. The WERASE character should presumably take one back to the beginning of a sentence in those cases: practically, this means it would not get much use for those languages.

(ibid., B.7.1.1 Interface Characteristics., **B.7.1.1.6 Canonical Mode Input Processing.**, p. 262).

Minutiae realign 4.2BSD job control edge cases (orphan processes EIOing instead of being killed) with present-day semantics (ibid., **B.7.1.1.4 Terminal Access Control**, p. 261, cf. ibid., 6. Input and Output Primitives, 6.4 Input and Output., 6.4.2 Write to a File., **6.4.2.4 Errors**., p. 115).

While "normal" controlling teletype allocation (**getty**) is outside the scope of the standard, **open()** isn't, so in another compromise;

The Working Group did not wish to require the traditional behavior, because it is not very straightforward or flexible for either implementations or applications. However, because of its prevalence, it was not practical to disallow this behavior either.

So `O_NOCTTY` is created "to allow applicaitons to avoid unintentionally acquiring a controlling terminal as a side-effect of opening a terminal file.", as present-day — ibid., Appendix B, **B.5 Files and Directories**., **B.5.3 General File Creation**., **B.5.3.1 Open a File**., para. 7, p. 244; ibid., B.7, B.7.1, B.7.1.1, **B.7.1.1.3 The Controlling Terminal**., pp. 260-261.

"The issue of modem control was excluded from POSIX" because Europeans didn't care (ibid., B.7, paras. 16-19, p. 260). It's unclear what this refers to.

It definitely shows why "This section has probably undergone more debate and revision than any other in the standard." (ibid., B.7, p. 258)!

With this in mind, it is now prudent to look at the re-defined teletype interface, unsullied by hard compatibility. Chapter 7 — ibid., pp. 123-140 — is indeed most similar to *Release 3.0 tty(4)*, in that it also describes the controlling teletype and doesn't contain **switch**. Of course, the new `O_NONBLOCK` flag is

explicitly noted as equivalent to `CLOCAL` for `open()` (*IEEE Std 1003.1-1988*, 7., 7.1, 7.1.1. Interface Characteristics., **7.1.1.1 Opening a Terminal Device File.**, para. 2, p. 123), "If the implementation supports job control (if `{_POSIX_JOB_CONTROL}` is defined", "A terminal may have a foreground process group associated with it" which is what plays the "special role" for signal-generating characters instead of the "control terminal", and `tc[gs]etpgrp()` and `setsid()`, rather than `[gs]etpgrp()`, are meaningful in controlling it (ibid., **7.1.1.2 Process Groups.**) (and `O_NOCTTY` prevents it allocation; ibid., **7.1.1.3 The Controlling Terminal.**, p. 124).

Conversely, ibid., **7.1.1.4 Terminal Access Control.** inserts the *4.2 Berkeley Software Distribution* phonotactics governing `SIGTTIN/SIGTTOU` and `TOSTOP` for background process groups doing I/O or teletype mode control.

"`{MAX_CHAR}` in early drafts" of the standard is re-spelled as "`{MAX_INPUT}`" for obvious reasons (ibid., Appendix B, B.2, **B.2.9 Numerical Limits.**, B.2.9.5 Pathname Variable Values), and

The system may impose a limit, `{MAX_INPUT}`, on the number of bytes that may be stored in the input queue. The behavior of the system when the limit is exceeded is implementation-defined. Similarly, for all of the `c_[iocl]flag` and `c_cc` fields, the default values are implementation-defined (ibid., 7, 7.1, 7.1.1, **7.1.1.5 Input Processing and Reading Data.**, p. 125).

"If `{MAX_CANON}` is defined for this terminal device, it is a limit on the number of bytes in a line." with implementation-defined results if overrun (ibid., **7.1.1.6 Canonical Mode Input Processing.**, para. 2). The only new thing about these limits is nomenclature — the Minimum Value (prefixed with

`_POSIX_`) is **255** for both (notably, **1** less than heretofore documented; *ibid.*, **Table 2-5**. Pathname Variable Values, p. 46; *ibid.*, **Table 2-2**. Minimum Values, p. 45).

For `-icanon`, when setting `min > {MAX_INPUT}`, "the response to the request" is explicitly implementation-defined (even though it falls out of the usual definition for this limit; *ibid.*, Appendix B, 7, 7.1, 7.1.1, **7.1.1.7 Non-Canonical Mode Input Processing**, p. 126), and the `min time` interactions are editorialised to twice the volume, but remain at no functional change (*ibid.*, **7.1.1.7.1-7.1.1.7.4**, pp. 126-127).

*Ibid.*, **7.1.1.9 Special Characters**. (pp. 127-128) are, naturally, editorialised, with the targets for `intr quit` now being the same as for `susp` (below), and see the addition of:

- SUSP If job control is supported (see **Special Control Characters** §7.1.2.6), the SUSP special character is recognized on input. If the ISIG flag is enabled, receipt of the SUSP character causes a SIGTSTP signal to be sent to all processes in the foreground process group for which the terminal is the controlling terminal, and the SUSP character is discarded when processed.
- CR Special character on input and is recognized if the ICANON flag is set; it is the `'\r'`. When ICANON and ICRNL are set and IGNCR is not set, this character is translated into a NL, and has the same effect as a NL character.

"It is implementation-defined whether the START and STOP characters can be changed." — this covers both *≥Release 3.0* and *≥Seventh Edition*; but "The values for INTR, QUIT, ERASE, KILL, EOF, EOL, and SUSP (job control only), shall be changeable to suit individual tastes." "If `{_POSIX_VDISABLE}` is in effect for the terminal file" (`[f]pathconf(_PC_VDISABLE)`) isn't `-1`: *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988*, **Table**

**5-2.** Configurable Pathname Variables, p. 105), "special character functions associated with changeable special control characters can be disabled individually", as present-day; if any two overlap, it's "undefined" what happens. Provisions are made for context-based disambiguation, like: "an implementation may define multibyte sequences that have a meaning different from the meaning of the bytes when considered individually." if **ixten**; the example is a red herring — this provision is actually for  $\backslash$ -escaping **erase kill eof**, allowing for preservation of historical behaviour.

Ibid., 7, 7.1, 7.1.1, **7.1.1.10 Modem Disconnect.** (p. 128) concretifies `hangup ^ -local`  $\Rightarrow$  `SIGHUP`, retains subsequent **read**(*s*) returning empty, and defines subsequent **write**(*s*) to `EIO` – this appears to be new behaviour.

`HUPCL` is defined to take place after committing all output and flushing input, rather than instantly: this is the same behaviour as *Release 3.0*, but undocumented (*IEEE Std 1003.1-1988*, 7, 7.1, 7.1.1, **7.1.1.11 Closing a Terminal Device File.**).

Ibid., 7.1.2, 7.1.2.1-7.1.2.6, incl. **Table 7-1-Table 7-5** (pp. 129-134) correspond to the bulk of the remainder of `tty`(4), and are reproduced faithfully below.

**Table 7-1.** *termios* Structure

<u>Member Type</u>	<u>Array Size</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
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<i>tcflag_t</i>		<i>c_iflag</i>	Input modes
<i>tcflag_t</i>		<i>c_oflag</i>	Output modes
<i>tcflag_t</i>		<i>c_cflag</i>	Control modes
<i>tcflag_t</i>		<i>c_lflag</i>	Local modes
<i>cc_t</i>	NCCS	<i>c_cc</i>	Control characters

Where both types are "unsigned integral types" (as present-day, with the missing requirement of being smaller than a *long*), and the structure not being limited to these members.

**Table 7-2.** *termios* *c\_iflag* Field

Mask Name	Description
BRKINT	Signal interrupt on break.
ICRNL	Map CR to NL on input.
IGNBRK	Ignore break condition.
IGNCR	Ignore CR.
IGNPAR	Ignore characters with parity errors.
INLCR	Map NL to CR on input.
INPCK	Enable input parity check.
ISTRIP	Strip character.

IXOFF	Enable start/stop input control.
IXON	Enable start/stop output control.
PARMRK	Mark parity errors.

Sans the removal of IUCLC (since characters are possibly multi-byte) and IXANY (unnoted, likely just doesn't really matter) the table is unchanged.

Long break conditions are explicitly amalgamated (cf. *ibid.*, Appendix B, B.7, B.7.1, B.7.1.2, **B.7.1.2.2 Input Modes.**, p. 263), and, if `-ignbrk brkint`, clear I/O queues and SIGINT the foreground process group (the former is unnoted in *Release 3.0*, nor is the target of the latter).

VSTART and VSTOP are only allowed to be discarded from the input if `ixon` (rather than always). The wording doesn't change, other than by omission, so `ixon` is allowed to function in either `[-]ixany` mode.

IXOFF is described more verbosely and explicitly mentions `{MAX_INPUT}`, but "The precise conditions under which STOP and START characters are transmitted are implementation-defined."

### 7.1.2.3. Output Modes.

Mask Name	Description
OPOST	Perform output processing.

"If OPOST is set, output data is processed in an implementation-defined fashion so that lines of text are modified to appear appropriately on the terminal device, otherwise characters are transmitted without change.", see above.

**Table 7-3.** *termios* *c\_cflag* Field

Mask Name	Description
CLOCAL	Ignore modem status lines.
CREAD	Enable receiver.
CSIZE	Number of bits per byte*:
CS5	5 bits
CS6	6 bits
CS7	7 bits
CS8	8 bits
CSTOPB	Send two stop bits, else one.
HUPCL	Hang up on last close.
PARENB	Parity enable.
PARODD	Odd parity, else even.

---

\* CSIZE has historically described "character" size.

See above for the reasoning for moving speeds, or below for the new list.

Oddly, `CREAD` is not rephrased in terms of bytes.

If **hupcl**, "The modem connection shall be broken." when the last file descriptor is closed.

Despite the age of this publication, provisions are made:

If the object for which the control modes are set is not an asynchronous serial connection, some of the modes may be ignored; for example, if an attempt is made to set the baud rate on a network connection to a terminal on another host, the baud rate may or may not be set on the connection between that terminal and the machine it is directly connected to.

**Table 7-4.** *termios* `c_lflag` Field

Mask Name	Description
ECHO	Enable echo.
ECHOE	Echo ERASE as an error-correcting backspace.
ECHOK	Echo KILL.
ECHONL	Echo '\n'.
ICANON	Canonical input (erase and kill processing).
IEXTEN	Enable extended (implementation-defined) functions.
ISIG	Enable signals.
NOFLSH	Disable flush after interrupt, quit, or suspend.

**TOSTOP** Send SIGTTOU for background output.

XCASE is replaced with IEXTEN; ISIG and NOFLSH expectedly mention "SUSP (job control only)". The TOSTOP description matches the *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* LTOSTOP one verbatim.

IEXTEN is fully defined as

If IEXTEN is set, implementation-defined functions shall be recognized from the input data. It is implementation-defined how IEXTEN being set interacts with ICANON, ISIG, IXON, or IXOFF. If IEXTEN is not set, then implementation-defined functions shall not be recognized and the corresponding input characters shall be processed for ICANON, ISIG, IXON, and IXOFF.

The description for TOSTOP derives heavily from the *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* one as well (though, naturally, process groups aren't "distinguished" any-more).

ECHO is not rephrased in terms of bytes.

ECHOE

shall cause the terminal to erase the last character in the current line from the display, if possible. If there is no character to erase, an implementaion may echo an indication that this was the case or do nothing.

if **icanon** — this allows for the *Release 3.0* behaviour of **icanon echo echok** yielding "\b \b" and **icanon -echo echok** " \b".

If **icanon**, ECHOK is allowed to either "erase the line from the display" — like *Seventh Edition, Virtual*

*VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* LCRTKIL — or "echo the '\n' character after the KILL character" — like *Release 3.0*.

**Table 7-6.** *termios c\_cc* Special Control Characters

Subscript Usage		Description
Canonical Mode	Non-Canonical Mode	
VEOF		EOF character
VEOL		EOL character
VERASE		ERASE character
VINTR	VINTR	INTR character
VKILL		KILL character
	VMIN	MIN value
VQUIT	VQUIT	QUIT character
VSUSP	VSUSP	SUSP character
	VTIME	TIME value
VSTART	VSTART	START character
VSTOP	VSTOP	STOP character

"Implementations that do not support job control may ignore the SUSP character value in the *c\_cc* array indexed by the VSUSP subscript.", and similarly for **start stop**, but for them they "shall return the value

in use when *tcgetattr* is called."

Even if disabling is supported and enabled, "If ICANON is not set, the value of `{_POSIX_VDISABLE}` has no special meaning for the VMIN and VTIME entries of the *c\_cc* array."

Speed control is moved to the appropriately-named *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988*, 7, 7.1, 7.1.2, **7.1.2.7 Baud Rate Functions**. (pp. 134-135), with `cf[gs]et[io]speed()` — these either take or return *speed\_t* (defined the same way as *tcflag\_t*). The only surprising part is that `cfsetispeed(B0)` sets the input speed to be the same as the output speed, and only `cfsetospeed(B0)` actually hangs up. The pre-defined speeds follow.

**Table 7-6.** *termios* Baud Rate Values

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
B0	Hang up	B600	600 baud
B50	50 baud	B1200	1200 baud
B75	75 baud	B1800	1800 baud
B110	110 baud	B2400	2400 baud
B134	134.5 baud	B4800	4800 baud
B150	150 baud	B9600	9600 baud
B200	200 baud	B19200	19 200 baud

B300 300 baud

B38400 38 400 baud

Ibid., 7.2, **7.2.1 Get and Set State.** (pp. 136-137) provides **tcgetattr()** as an equivalent for **ioctl(TCGETA)** and

**tcsetattr(TCSANOW)** for **ioctl(TCSETA)**,  
**tcsetattr(TCSADRAIN)** for **ioctl(TCSETAW)**, and  
**tcsetattr(TCSAFLUSH)** for **ioctl(TCSETAF)**.

Descriptions for the former decidedly mirror those for the latter.

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"login id" becomes "login ID"; "common terminal speeds" are now "300, 1200, 2400, 4800, 9600, 19200, and 38400 baud" — *UNIX® System V Release 4 User's Reference Manual*, ISBN 0-13-947037-9, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_4/0-13-947037-9\\_Unix\\_System\\_V\\_Rel4\\_Users\\_Reference\\_Manual\\_1990.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_4/0-13-947037-9_Unix_System_V_Rel4_Users_Reference_Manual_1990.pdf), para. 1, p. 4, AT&T: UNIX Software Operation, 1990, Introduction, How to Get Started, Logging In.

The special-character spelling is updated to the more reasonable "CTRL-s" (ibid., How to Communicate Through Your Terminal, para. 4, p. 6).

Unfortunately, "The shell layer manager continues to be supported in Release 4.0.", but "Release 4.0 offers an optional shell (`js`) that features a new implementation of job control that conforms to the POSIX standard." (of course, **cs**h and the KornShell are also available, but the former is far cry from

normal-**sh**-but-with-job-control) — *UNIX® System V Release 4 Migration Guide*, ISBN 0-13-933821-7, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_4/0-13-933821-7\\_Unix\\_System\\_V\\_Rel4\\_Migration\\_Guide\\_1990.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_4/0-13-933821-7_Unix_System_V_Rel4_Migration_Guide_1990.pdf), p. 3-3, AT&T: UNIX Software Operation, 1990, 3. Migrating from Release 2, Release 2.0 Features, Shell Enhancements (Job Control).

Worryingly, however,

In Release 4.0, the entire terminal (tty) subsystem in the kernel has been rewritten to use the STREAMS mechanism. The move to a STREAMS implementation increases the modularity of the tty subsystem and provides a more flexible framework for future enhancements. Pseudo-ttys (ptys) have been implemented under STREAMS as well.

And the same happens to pipes. (Ibid., 5. UNIX System V Release 4, Input/Output, STREAMS, p. 5-21)

`login(1)` loses provisions for the "second »dialup« password", but

If you make five incorrect login attempts, all five may be logged in `/var/adm/loginlog` (if it exists) and the TTY line will be dropped.

If the "first line of input" (actually just the login-name-and-environment line, so not if invoked from **getty**) doesn't contain a lower-case character, "the port's `termio(7)` options" are set to for an upper-case-only terminal (*UNIX® System V Release 4 User's Reference Manual*, pp. 272-273). These match **getty** for **iuclc olcuc xcasc**, at least so says my good friend Juliano — UNIX SYSVr4 Source Code, <https://vetusware.com/download/UNIX%20SYSVr4%20Source%20Code%20r4/?id=11573>, ATT-SYSVr4/cmd/login/login.c.

Opposite the title page, an **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** is found in both *UNIX® System V Release 4 User's Reference Manual* and *UNIX® System V Release 4 Programmer's Reference Manual*, ISBN 0-13-947029-8, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_4/0-13-947029-8\\_Unix\\_System\\_V\\_Rel4\\_Programmers\\_Reference\\_Manual\\_1990.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_4/0-13-947029-8_Unix_System_V_Rel4_Programmers_Reference_Manual_1990.pdf), Unix System Laboratories, Inc., A Subsidiary of AT&T or AT&T: UNIX Software Operation, 1990.

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Indeed: insofar as the C interface, `termios(2)` (ibid., pp. 359-362), described succinctly as

**termios: `tcgetattr`, `tcsetattr`, `tcsendbreak`, `tcdrain`, `tcflush`, `tcflow`,  
`cfgetospeed`, `cfgetispeed`, `tcsetispeed`, `cfsetospeed`, `tcgetpgrp`,  
`tcsetpgrp`, `tcgetsid`** – general terminal interface

corresponds directly, down to the section names included verbatim, to *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988* §7.1.2.7-§7.2.4.4 , with the only addition being

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`tcgetsid` returns the session ID of the terminal specified by *files*.

which doesn't correspond to any POSIX function, and appears to be the counterpart to `setsid()` (ibid., 4, 4.3, 4.3.2 Create Session and Set Process Group ID., p. 75) which lives in `setsid(2)` (*UNIX® System V Release 4 Programmer's Reference Manual*, p. 318) and also copies the text verbatim, including some from Appendix B.

`termio(7)` is generalised slightly to the *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988* symbolic limits, "control terminal" becomes "controlling terminal", and daemonisation is achieved by calling `setsid()` to change session rather than `setpgrp()` to change the "process group" — *UNIX® System V Release 4 System Files and Devices Reference Manual for Motorola Processors*, ISBN 0-13-035874-6, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System\\_V\\_Release\\_4\\_Motorola/0-13-035874-6\\_Unix\\_System\\_V\\_Release\\_4\\_System\\_Files\\_and\\_Devices\\_Reference\\_Manual\\_for\\_Motorola\\_Processors\\_1993.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/att/unix/System_V_Release_4_Motorola/0-13-035874-6_Unix_System_V_Release_4_System_Files_and_Devices_Reference_Manual_for_Motorola_Processors_1993.pdf), pp. 381-395, AT&T UNIX System Laboratories, Inc. Motorola, 2900 South Diablo Way, Tempe, Arizona 85282, 1993.

In general, all mentions of layer-based "job control" are pruned, and the compatibility "System V `termio` structure"'s `icanon c_cc` is laid out as

0	VINTR	DEL
1	VQUIT	FS
2	VERASE	#
3	VKILL	@
4	VEOF	EOT
5	VEOL	NUL
6	VEOL2	NUL
7	reserved	

(finally!), and `LOBLK` is lost, but *UNIX® System V Release 4 User's Reference Manual* continues to have provisions for it (and `sh1(1)`), so it's unclear where exactly it's cut.

Similarly, description of job control largely just adapts various parts of the scattered *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988* descriptions. Description of **-icanon** is verbatim *ibid.*, §7.1.1.7 and all four subsections (pp. 126-127) (plus some flavour text from the corresponding rationale in §B.7.1.1.7 (p. 262)), but of **icanon** is once again generalised to say "The ERASE character (by default, the character #)" rather than "By default, the character #" (and likewise for **kill**). **werase** is freshly defined as:

The WERASE character (the character control-W) erases the last "word" typed in the current output line (but not any preceding spaces or tabs). A "word" is defined as a sequence of non-blank characters, with tabs counted as blanks.

This is the *exact* wording in *ibid.*, §B.7.1.1.6 (p. 262). Similarly,

The REPRINT character (the character control-R) prints a newline followed by all characters that have not been read. Reprinting also occurs automatically if characters that would normally be erased from the screen are fouled by program output. The characters are reprinted as if they were being echoed; consequencely, if ECHO is not set, they are not printed.

Being "fouled by" brands the first two sentences as good but nevertheless obvious adaptation of the *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* description. Being predicated on **echo** is undocumented there, but matches the actual behaviour (*ibid.*, `usr/src/sys/dev/ttynew.c`, **ntyretype()**, **ntyecho()**).

In the **Special Control Characters** summary, **intr quit** spell it "a SIGQUIT signal"/"a SIGINT signal" instead of "a *quit* signal"/"an *interrupt* signal", but target "all frequent processes associated with the controlling terminal" (i.e., only "frequent" is added, and it's unclear how that makes it be job-controlly).

**erase kill** finally correctly list **eol2** as a character they won't erase past.

The unchanged-since-*Release 3.0* **eof** trimming paragraph is moved up and extended with **echoctl** as

The EOF character is not echoed unless it is escaped or ECHOCTL is set. Because EOT is the default EOF character, this prevents terminals that respond to EOT from hanging up.

The "The start/stop characters can not be changed or escaped." sentence is lost. **swtch** is the only remnant of layer-based "job control"; its new description and the new synopses follow.

- WERASE (CTRL-W or ASCII ETX) erases the preceding "word". It does not erase beyond the start of a line, as delimited by a NL, EOF, EOL, or EOL2 character.
- REPRINT (CTRL-R or ASCII DC2) reprints all characters, preceded by a newline, that have not been read.
- SWTCH (CTRL-Z or ASCII EM) is used only when `sh1` layers is invoked.
- SUSP (CTRL-Z or ASCII SUB) generates a SIGTSTP signal. SIGTSTP stops all processes in the foreground process group for that terminal.
- DSUSP (CTRL-Y or ASCII EM) generates a SIGTSTP signal as SUSP does, but the signal is sent when a process in the foreground process group attempts to read the DSUSP character, rather than when it is typed.

- DISCARD** (CTRL-O or ASCII SI) causes subsequent output to be discarded. Output is discarded until another DISCARD character is typed, more input arrives, or the condition is cleared by a program.
- LNEXT** (CTRL-V or ASCII SYN) causes the special meaning of the next character to be ignored. This works for all the special characters mentioned above. It allows characters to be input that would otherwise be interpreted by the system (for example, KILL, QUIT).

The most obvious idiocy here is that `^Z` is SUB (that's even internally inconsistent!), and the CNSWTC/CSWTC dichotomy is still there and it's *still* initialised to CNSWTC (*UNIX SYSVr4 Source Code*, ATT-SYSVr4/uts/i386/sys/termios.h, ATT-SYSVr4/uts/i386/io/ldterm.c).

These new **Special Control Characters** are all the same functionally and phonotactically as in 4.2 *Berkeley Software Distribution*, sans the "DISCARD" `t_flushc` spelling.

`_POSIX_VDISABLE` is **0**, so **eof** **eof2** **swtch** are all disabled by default (this also means that the default **eof** description continues to be wrong, but for a different reason this time, but oh well).

`\`-escaping **erase** **kill** **eof** is mentioned again here and doesn't appear to be predicated on IEXTEN; this is a very clear violation of the standard.

`struct termios` consists only of the POSIX-prescribed members, with `tcflag_t` and `speed_t` being *unsigned longs* and `cc_t` an *unsigned char*; the **-icanon** `c_cc` listing is the same as for `struct termio`, but for **icanon**, expectedly, it grows to:

0	VINTR	DEL
1	VQUIT	FS
2	VERASE	#
3	VKILL	@
4	VEOF	EOT
5	VEOL	NUL
6	VEOL2	NUL
7	VSWTCH	NUL
8	VSTRT	DC1
9	VSTOP	DC3
10	VSUSP	SUB
11	VDSUSP	EM
12	VREPRINT	DC2
13	VDISCRD	SI
14	VWERASE	ETB
15	VLNEXT	SYN
16-19	reserved	

The "VSTRT" is wacky: it's a typo; it's correctly `VSTART` in `<sys/termios.h>`. "VDISCRD" is equally wacky and equally just the editor's sticky keyboard. Conversely, the `VSWTCH` default is magically correct here.

**Input Modes** see the subsumption of all descriptions with their *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988* equivalents, if there is one (i.e. not for IUCLC, IXANY and additionally not for IX\*), though sometimes very poorly copied (as in "If INPCK is not set"), and with "bytes" reverted to "characters", plus the addition of

```
IMAXBEL  Echo BEL on input line too long.
described as
```

If IMAXBEL is set, the ASCII BEL character is echoed if the input stream overflows. Further input is not stored, but any input already present in the input stream is not disturbed. If IMAXBEL is not set, no BEL character is echoed, and all input present in the input queue is discarded if the input stream overflows.

Which is spelled so obnoxiously as to sound a like standardese, but isn't; **-imaxbel** corresponds to the classic behaviour, and **imaxbel** – to that of *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980's* NTTYDISC.

"The initial input control value is BRKINT, ICRNL, IXON, ISTRIP."

**Output Modes** see the addition of *Seventh Edition*-style XTABS TAB3 alias.

"The initial output control value is OPOST, ONLCR, TAB3."

The mysterious RCVLEN XMTLEN and the all-too-well-described LOBLK **Control Modes** are removed in favour of

```
CIBAUD  Input baud rate, if different from output rate
```

PAREXT Extended parity for mark and space parity

The former is exquisitely-adapted for the specific *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988* split-speed interface:

If the CIBAUD bits are not zero, they specify the input baud rate, with the CBAUD bits specifying the output baud rate; otherwise, the output and input baud rates are both specified by the CBAUD bits. The values for the CIBAUD bits are the same as the values for the CBAUD bits, shifted left IBSHIFT bits.

The latter is undescribed and doesn't appear to be used at all outside the userland.

"The initial hardware control value after open is B300, CS8, CREAD, HUPCL."

#### Local Modes grow

TOSTOP	Send SIGTTOU for background output.
ECHOCTL	Echo control characters as <i>^char</i> , delete as <i>^?</i> .
ECHOPRT	Echo erase character as character erased.
ECHOKE	BS-SP-BS erase entire line on line kill.
FLUSHO	Output is being flushed.
PENDIN	Retype pending input at next read or input character.
IEXTEN	Enable extended (implementation-defined) functions.

Of these, FLUSHO is the **discard** companion, equally as present-day as LFLUSHO was in *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980*. Likewise for [L]TOSTOP, which bears the *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988* description.

ECHOCTL, ECHOPRT, and ECHOKE act as present-day re-spellings of LCTLECH, LPRTERA, and LCRTKIL. Similarly for [L]PENDIN, which has no present-day equivalent, and which bears in its only kernel-side usage, in `ldterm.c` (i.e. `ldterm(7)` — "standard STREAMS terminal line discipline module" — *UNIX® System V Release 4 System Files and Devices Reference Manual for Motorola Processors*, pp. 159-161):

```
/*
 * Yuk. The C shell file completion code actually
 * uses this "feature", so we have to support it.
 */
```

ISIG and ICANON's domains grow by the new **Special Control Characters** and **eol2**.

If IEXTEN is set, the following implementation-defined functions are enabled: special characters (WERASE, REPRINT, DISCARD, and LNEXT) and local flags (TOSTOP, ECHOCTL, ECHOPRT, ECHOKE, FLUSHO, and PENDIN).

a more rigorous analysis may nickel-and-dime the system on the extension gating, or bring up this from `ldterm.c`:

```
/*
 * EOL2/XCASE should be conditioned with IEXTEN to be truly POSIX conformant.
 * This is going to cause problems for pre-SVR4.0 programs that don't
 * know about IEXTEN. Hence EOL2/IEXTEN is not conditioned with IEXTEN.
 */
```

"The initial line-discipline control value is ISIG, ICANON, ECHO, ECHOK,"

*struct winsize* is explicitly noted now in the **Terminal Size** section, alongside its TIOC[GS]WINSZ **ioctl**(s). The **ioctl**(s) taking *struct termios*, to which *termios*(2) decays, all correspond to the *struct termio* ones but with the final A substituted for S, just like *X/OPEN Portability Guide (July 1985)* fore-told.

A consequence of making the teletype interface layered, *ttcompat*(7) (*ibid.*, pp. 413-418), described as "V7, 4BSD and XENIX STREAMS compatibility module" isn't *as* insane as it sounds; of course, it *is* insane in just how relatively well it manages to map the entirely different and completely unrelated format of *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-II Version, November, 1980 struct sgttyb/struct ltchars* with sometimes-unmappable modes to something that makes relative sense and provides a sufficient compatibility layer to Just work.

*stty*(1) (*UNIX® System V Release 4 User's Reference Manual*, pp. 432-437) escapes accents properly and removes the **swtch/shl(1)/layers(1)** paragraph. There are two new sets of modes for controlling the serial/modem hardware (**Hardware Flow Control Modes** and **Clock Modes**), which correspond to

`termiox(7)` (*UNIX® System V Release 4 System Files and Devices Reference Manual for Motorola Processors*, pp. 396-400) but are otherwise outside the scope of this document, because most of them bibliio down to single pins in EIA-232-D.

"0" hangs up "line", rather than "phone line"; "**hupcl (-hupcl)**" loses "Dataphone" and just hangs up "connection".

Input mode	Description
<b>parext (-parext)</b>	enable (disable) extended parity generation and detection for mark and space parity.
<b>ispeed 0 110 300 600 1200 1800 2400 4800 9600 19200 38400</b>	← Set terminal input baud rate to the number given, if possible. (Not all hardware supports split baud rates.) If the input baud rate is set to zero, the input baud rate will be specified by the value of the output baud rate.
<b>ospeed 0 110 300 600 1200 1800 2400 4800 9600 19200 38400</b>	← Set terminal output baud rate to the number given, if possible. (Not all hardware supports split baud rates.) If the output baud rate is set to zero, the line will be hung up immediately.

**Input Modes**-wise, "**ixon (-ixon)**" sends **start stop** rather than hard DC1/DC3. This courtesy is not extended to "**ixany (-ixany)**" (in description only; **-ixany** does actually accept the current **start**).

Local mode	Description
<b>tostop</b> ( <b>-tostop</b> )	← send (do not send) SIGTTOU when background processes write to the terminal.
<b>echoctl</b> ( <b>-echoctl</b> )	← echo (do not echo) control characters as <i>^char</i> , delete as <i>^?</i>
<b>echopr</b> ( <b>-echopr</b> )	← echo (do not echo) erase character as character is "erased".
<b>echoke</b> ( <b>-echoke</b> )	← BS-SP-BS erase (do not BS-SP-BS erase) entire line on line kill.
<b>flusho</b> ( <b>-flusho</b> )	← output is (is not) being flushed
<b>pendin</b> ( <b>-pendin</b> )	retype (do not retype) pending input at next read or input character.
<b>iexten</b> ( <b>-iexten</b> )	← enable (disable) extended (implementation-defined) functions for input data.

"control character *c*" grows all the new characters, except **min time** which are split off, as below. Despite the long index macro, VREPRINT is **rprnt**.

Control assignment	Description
<b>min, time number</b>	Set the value of <b>min</b> or <b>time</b> to <i>number</i> . MIN and TIME are used in Non-Canonical mode input processing ( <b>-icanon</b> )

  

Combination mode	Description
<b>spacep</b>	enable <b>parenb</b> , <b>cs7</b> , and <b>parext</b> .
<b>markp</b>	enable <b>parenb</b> , <b>cs7</b> , <b>parodd</b> , and <b>parext</b> .

**-parity**, or **-evenp**    disable **parenb**, and set **cs8**.  
**-oddp**                    disable **parenb** and **parodd**, and set **cs8**.  
**-spacep**                 disable **parenb** and **parext**, and set **cs8**  
**-markp**                  disable **parenb**, **parodd**, and **parext**, and set **cs8**  
**async**                    set normal asynchronous communications wehre clock settigns are **xcibrg**,  
**rcibrg**, **tsetcoff**, **rsetcoff**.

**"-parity**, or **-evenp**" retain the old (present-day) semantics, **"-oddp"** is changed to violate *Issue 3*; this (and spelling **tab3** correctly, and POSIX-conformant **0**/hang-up semantics (cf. **X/Open CAE Specification, System Interface Definitions Issue 4, Version 2**; **X/Open CAE Specification, System Interfaces and Headers Issue 4, Version 2**; **X/Open CAE Specification, Commands and Utilities Issue 4, Version 2**)) is the only incompatibility.

There's also a new **Window Size** section, corresponding directly to *struct winsize* members, outlined below. **"rows"** is as present-day; **"columns"** similarly, but survives as **cols** in IEEE Std 1003.1-202x ("POSIX.1"), Draft 2.1.

Window size	Description
<b>rows</b> <i>n</i>	← set window size to <i>n</i> rows.
<b>columns</b> <i>n</i>	← set window size to <i>n</i> columns.
<b>ypixels</b> <i>n</i>	set verical window size to <i>n</i> pixels.
<b>xpixels</b> <i>n</i>	set horizontal window size to <i>n</i> pixels.

*UNIX SYSVr4 Source Code*, `ATT-SYSVr4/cmd/ttymon/sttytable.c` reveals that "**spacep**" is additionally **-parodd**, and that "**loblk (-loblk)**" is excluded from the PDP-11 implicitly (by the system not even remotely targeting it), rather than explicitly.

As hinted at, **min time** are parsed as decimal integers if they start with a digit (and like normal **Special Control Characters** otherwise; *ibid.*, `ATT-SYSVr4/cmd/ttymon/sttyparse.c`). The **Window Sizes** are always parsed as decimal integers.

Accepting "**line i**" is predicated on not being attached to a `termio(7)`-only STREAM; conversely, accepting the new modes is predicated on being attached to a `termios(7)`-capable one.

On `termios(7)`-capable STREAMS, if a split speed is set and if the speeds are actually different, they're written as "`ispeed is baud; ospeed os baud;`" (*ibid.*, `ATT-SYSVr4/cmd/ttymon/stty.c`). Bare/dual speeds are configured as present-day (input speed zeroed, output speed set).

The default-output **cread** sign mismatch bug is fixed; "**parenb parext parodd**" agglomerates to "**markp**" and "**parenb parext -parodd**" – "**spacep**".

On `TIOC[GS]WINSZ`-capable STREAMS, the window size is written as

```
rows = rows; columns = cols; ypixels = ypixels; xpixels = xpixels;
```

If **-icanon**, **min time** are always written as

```
min = min; time = time;
```

**eol2** is listed after after **eol** and on `termios(7)`-capable STREAMS, the new characters are written in index order.

All new modes are default-off for purposes of no-argument output. The **-g** mode is, naturally, longer, since `NCCS > NCC`, but all inputs that don't have the exact field count for the `termios(7)`-generated output are trimmed to `termio(7)` length.

A 4.3BSD-like **stty** is also found in `/usr/ucb`. It's been heavily tinkered with, but it retains most, if not all, of its idiosyncracies.

### Standard for Information Technology — Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX), Part 2: Shell and Utilities

Includes what is essentially *Release 3.0 stty(1)* appropriately transduced to the "POSIX.1 {8} *termios* interface" — *Standards Project, Draft Standard for Information Technology — Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX), Part 2: Shell and Utilities*, IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2 ISO/IEC CD 9945-2.2 JTC 1.22.21.2, <http://www.oldlinux.org/Linux.old/Ref-docs/POSIX/all.pdf>, pp. 613-622 (ll. 12124-12469), 346 East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017, USA, September 1991, Section 4: Execution Environment Utilities, 4.59 *stty* — Set the options for a terminal. This is a *draft* of *IEEE Std 1003.2-1992*, naturally, but I was able to confirm with ██████ that no further changes to **stty** occurred before the ratified version; additionally, this is the final draft before the one marked "[IEEE Standard Board Approves??]"

(*ibid.*, *Editor's Notes, POSIX.2 Proposed Schedule*, l. 256).

The 4.59.1 Synopsis, (*ibid.*, p. 613 (ll. 12125-12127)) reads

```
stty [-a] [-g]
stty operands
```

Without arguments, "it shall report the settings of certain characteristics, usually those that differ from implementation-defined defaults." ("an unspecified subset of the information written for the `-a` option"), with `-a` – "all the current settings for the terminal", and with `-g` – "all the current settings in an unspecified form that can be used as arguments to another invocation of the `stty` utility on the same system" (*ibid.*, 4.59.2 Description & 4.59.3 Options, pp. 613-614 (ll. 12128-12151)). This is as present-day, except that `-g` is forbidden from yielding any word expansion at all (which makes pluralisation of the *Release 3.0* "used as an argument to" phrasing all the more weird).

The modes are all in the same order and start with the same utilitarian descriptions (but add a reference to the specific macro flag they toggle). These are:

*IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2*, 4.59.4 Operands, 4.59.4.1 Control Modes, pp. 614-615 (ll. 12155-12197): all non-speed modes: `[-]parenb`, `[-]parodd`, `cs[5678]` (additionally predicated on `"`, if possible"), `[-]hupcl`, `[-]hup`, `[-]cread`, `[-]clocal`;

*ibid.*, 4.59.4.2 Input Modes, pp. 615-616 (ll. 12198-12236): all except `[-]ixany` (which "could not be implemented on a POSIX.1 {8} system without extensions", but was only noticed after seven drafts — *ibid.*,

4.59.10 Rationale., History of Decisions Made, para. 5 (ll. 12457-12458)): `[-]ignbrk`, `[-]brkint`, `[-]ignpar`, `[-]parmrk`, `[-]inpck`, `[-]istrip`, `[-]inlcr`, `[-]igncr`, `[-]icrnl`, `[-]ixon`,

`[-]ixoff;`

`ibid`, 4.59.4.3 Output Modes, p. 616 (ll. 12237-12241): unsurprisingly, just `[-]opost`:

Since POSIX.1 {8} doesn't specify any output modes, they are not specified in this standard either.

Implementations are expected to provide `stty` operands corresponding to all of the output modes they support.

`ibid`, 4.59.4.4 Local Modes, pp. 616-617 (ll. 12242-12278): `sans [-]xcase` (and `[-]lfkc`): `[-]isig` (expanded for `susp`), `[-]icanon`, `[-]echo`, `[-]echoe`, `[-]echok`, `[-]echonl`, `[-]noflsh`;

`ibid`, 4.59.4.6 Combination Modes, p. 618 (ll. 12332-12344): `evenp` or `parity` (additionally enforcing the undocumented "disable `parodd`"), `ek` ("back to system defaults"), `sane`.

Control mode	Description
<i>number</i>	← Set terminal baud rate to the number given, if possible. If the baud rate is set to zero, the modem control lines shall no longer be asserted. This shall have the effect of setting the input and output <i>termios</i> baud rate values as defined in POSIX.1 {8}.
<code>ispeed</code> <i>number</i>	← Set terminal input baud rate to the number given, if possible. If the input baud rate is set to zero, the input baud rate shall be specified by the value of the output baud rate. This shall have the effect of setting the input <i>termios</i> baud rate values as defined in POSIX.1 {8}.

`ospeed` *number* ← Set terminal output baud rate to the number given, if possible. If the output baud rate is set to zero, the modem control lines shall no longer be asserted. This shall have the effect of setting the output *termios* baud rate values as defined in POSIX.1 {8}.

Note the copy-paste error in `ispeed/ospeed`, where "and output"/"input and" was removed, but "values" wasn't depluralised. This remains in all standards hence.

"It is unspecified whether `stty` shall report an error if an attempt to set a Control mode fails." (note the absolutely psycho phrasing, which could only result from hasty partial editing), but "Some combinations of operands are mutually exclusive on some terminal types; the results of using such combinations are unspecified.". It's unclear why you'd have both *and* *ibid.* 4.59.8 Exit Status, 0, p. 620 (l. 12403) reading "The terminal options were read or set successfully." if you explicitly specify that any given combination produces unspecified results?

All as present-day, including lack of any particular mapping from the speeds themselves to any of the macros; cf. **STANDARDS, Line Speed.**

Local mode	Description
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`iexten` (`-iexten`) ← Enable (disable) any implementation-defined special control characters not currently controlled by `icanon`, `isig`, `ixon`, or `ixoff`. This shall have the effect of setting (not setting) `IEXTEN` in the *termios* `c_lflag` field, as defined in POSIX.1 {8}.

`tostop` (`-tostop`) ← Send `SIGTTOU` for background output. ...`TOSTOP`...

NOTE: Setting `TOSTOP` has no effect on systems not supporting the POSIX.1 {8} job control option.

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*saved settings* ← Set the current terminal characteristics to the saved settings produced by the `-g` option.  
`n1` (`-n1`) Enable (disable) `icrnl`. In addition, `-n1` unsets `inlcr` and `igncr`.

"`[-]n1`" is not only defanged to the standard-available modes, but the keen-eyed reader may have noticed that the first sentence is the exact *reverse* of what they've been historically (and, trivially, `-n1` shouldn't *enable* carriage-return-to-newline translation).

Naturally, the **Output Attributes**-dependent modes (`[-]lcase`/`[-]LCASE`, `[-]tabs`) are gone, and equally naturally so are the "*term*" ones. Much ink is spilled about "options `raw` and `cooked` (`-raw`)",

because the exact values that should be set are not well understood or commonly agreed on. In particular, *termios* has no explicit `RAW` bit, and the options that should be re-enabled (`-raw`) are not clear. General programming practice is to save the terminal state, change the settings for the duration of the program, and then reset the state. ...it is not possible for a single invocation of `stty` to

restore the terminal state (`-raw`) without knowledge of the prior settings. ...it is impossible to implement this as a single option.

Also, it is not clear that changing word size and parity is appropriate. For example, requiring that cooked set `cs7` and `parenb` would be disastrous for users working with 8-bit international character sets. In general, these options are too ill-defined to be of any use.

(*ibid.*, 4.69.10, History of Decisions Made, para. 4, pp. 621-622 (ll. 12442-12454)).

*Ibid.*, 4.59.4.5 Special Control Character Assignments, pp. 617-618 (ll. 12279-12231) sees **min time** extracted as a common "*min number*", "*time number*" cell, described identically ( $\pm$ punctuation) to **UNIX® System V Release's**, and the rest now as "*control-character string*", which is fundamentally mostly unchanged but harbours what is possibly *the* worst description in the standard:

Set *control-character* to *string*. If *control-character* is one of the character sequences in the first column of Table 4-9, the corresponding POSIX.1 {8} control character shall be recognized. This shall have the effect of setting the corresponding element of the *termios* `c_cc` array (see POSIX.1 {8} 7.1.2).

**Table 4-9 – stty Control Character Names**

<i>control-character</i>	POSIX.1 {8} Subscript	Description
<code>eof</code>	VEOF	EOF character
<code>eol</code>	VEOL	EOL character

erase	VERASE	ERASE character
intr	VINTR	INTR character
kill	VKILL	KILL character
quit	VQUIT	QUIT character
susp	VSUSP	SUSP character
start	VSTART	START character
stop	VSTOP	STOP character

---

If *string* is a single character, the control character shall be set to that character. If *string* is the two-character sequence "^-" or the string "undef", the control character shall be set to `{_POSIX_VDISABLE}`, if it is in effect for the device; if `{_POSIX_VDISABLE}` is not in effect for this device, it shall be treated as an error. In the POSIX Locale, if *string* is a two-character sequence beginning with circumflex (^), and the second character is one of those listed in the ^c column of Table 4-10, the control character shall be set to the corresponding character value in the Value column of the table.

**Table 4-10 – stty Circumflex Control Characters**

<b>^c</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>^c</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>^c</b>	<b>Value</b>
a, A	<SOH>	l, L	<FF>	w, W	<ETB>

(this continues for  $\forall$ -NUL 31 `ascii(7)` control characters and their alphabetic 6<sup>th</sup>- and 7<sup>th</sup>-bit extensions plus `[\ ] ^ _`; the only interesting line is reproduced below)

j, J	<LF>	u, U	<NAK>	?	<DEL>
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This is all as present-day, but unhinged, and doesn't stop here. *Ibid.*, 4.59.10, History of Decisions Made, p. 621 para. 2 (ll. 12429-12434), regarding `_POSIX_VDISABLE` says:

two conventions currently exist for specifying this: System V uses "`^-`", and BSD uses `undef`. Both are accepted by POSIX.2 `stty`. The other BSD convention of using the letter `u` was rejected because it conflicts with the actual letter `u`, which is an acceptable value for a control character.

One may recall that this is false: the only constraint for a *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, December, 1979* `stty` character argument to become `0xFF` is to *start* with a '`u`'.

*IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2*, para. 3 (ll. 12435-12441) confirms that the "traditional mapping" must be specified in full because

although the mapping corresponds to control-character key assignments on many terminals that use ISO/IEC 646 {1} (or ASCII) character encodings, the mapping specified here is to the control characters, not their keyboard encodings.

The truly revolutionary part here is *ibid.*, 4.59.6 External Effects, 4.59.6.1 Standard Output, pp. 619-620 (ll. 12370-12394), which attempts to arrive at some consensus output format. Of course, this is largely folly, but `-a` is to write all of §4.59.4 Operands to the standard output stream, and

Unless otherwise specified, this information shall be written as <space>-separated tokens in an unspecified format, on one or more lines, with an unspecified number of tokens per line. Additional information may be written.

Which is a good effort, even if all it means is "don't invent random secret pseudo-modes like *Release 3.0*"; furthermore,

if the terminal input speed and output speed are the same, the speed information shall be written as follows:

```
"speed %d baud; ", <speed>
```

Otherwise, speeds shall be written as:

```
"ispeed %d baud; ospeed %d baud; ", <ispeed>, <ospeed>
```

with "baud" localisable. "control characters shall be written as:"

```
"%s = %s; ", <control-character name>, <value>
```

where *value* is either the character, or some visual representation of the character if it is nonprintable, or the string <undef> if the character is disabled.

This is all as present-day.

The speeds-equal listing is compatible with *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* and *Release 3.0*; the speeds-different one is saner than all preceding ones.

The **Special Control Characters** listing format accomodates *Release 3.0* (and none of the BSDs, due to their inconsistent separators) *except* that it requires an equal sign before "<undef>" too.

There are obvious parallels to **UNIX® System V Release 4** here, naturally, but the causation is likely converse: drafts were in circulation since the beginning of 1989 (*IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2, POSIX.2 Proposed Schedule*, l. 240). The modal additions (**[−]ixten**, **[−]tostop**) fall trivially out of the new macros, and their descriptions mirror those in *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988*; the **[io]speeds**, on the other hand, mirror those in *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2* and don't follow any previous spelling in *any* system. Extraction of **min time** in the manual (and allowing numbers) mirror the standard, and the new description is identical. Another sign of influence here is that the "<undef>" spelling gains the now-requisite =; nevertheless, it is not made conformant: **−oddp** violates both *Issue 3* and *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2*, and modes are still agglomerated, which violates the latter.

The teletype attached to the standard input stream is used for security (cf. `write(1)`) and redirectability — *ibid.*, 4.59.10, History of Decisions Made, para. 7, p. 622 (ll. 12459-12565) — in contrast to all non-*Release 3.0*-derived **sttys**.

`/dev/tty` is concerned with shell "procedures" rather than "sequences", but otherwise uses the same verbiage all *Seventh Edition*-derived systems do (itself only differing from the *Sixth Edition* one by a "which" becoming a "that"), additionally predicated on the opening process *having* a controlling teletype — *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2*, Section 2: Terminology and General Requirements, 2.7 Required Files, p. 109 (ll. 3506-3510) — but omits the part about feeding it to programs that "demand a file name for output, when typed output is desired and it is tiresome to find out which terminal is currently in use", because it never is.

#### 4.4BSD User's Reference Manual (URM); 4.4BSD Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM)

The biggest area of change is a new terminal driver. The terminal driver is similar to the System V terminal driver with the addition of the necessary extensions to get the functionality previously available in the 4.3BSD terminal driver. 4.4BSD also adds the IEEE Std1003.1 job control interface, which is similar to the 4.3BSD job control interface, but adds a security model that was missing in the 4.3BSD job control implementation. A new system call, *setsid*, creates a job-control session consisting of a single process group with one member, the caller, that becomes a session leader. Only a session leader may acquire a controlling terminal. This is done explicitly via a *TIOCSCTTY ioctl* call, not implicitly by an *open* call. The call fails if the terminal is in use.

With emulation for "both the old *ioctl* calls and old options to *stty*" — *4.4BSD User's Reference Manual (URM)*, ISBN 1-56592-075-9, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_3\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_3_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick) Marshall Kirk McKusick, The CSRG Archives, CD-ROM 3, Final Berkeley Releases, 4.4BSD-Lite2, `usr/src/share/man/man0/title.urm`, Computer Systems Research Group, University of California at Berkeley, April, 1994, Preface, 2. Changes in the Kernel, 2.4. POSIX terminal driver changes.

The typical speeds get bumped to **1200**, **2400**, and **9600** baud (*ibid.*, Introduction, How to Get Started, *Logging in*, para. 2).

"The ^U (control-U) character", rather than DEL, is the default **kill**, and "the delete character (DEL) or sometimes the backspace character (control-H)", rather than just the latter, is the default **erase**.

**lnext** replaces `\` as the escape for **erase kill**, but the wording stays the same (ibid., *How to communicate through your terminal.*, para. 2).

If, in `ttys(5)`, `console` isn't designated "**secure**", `init(8)` itself will prompt for the root passphrase — *4.BSD Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM)*, ISBN 1-56592-078-3, [https://archive.org/details/The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_3\\_August\\_1998\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick\\_Marshall\\_Kirk\\_McKusick\\_The\\_CSRG\\_Archives\\_CD-ROM\\_3\\_Final\\_Berkeley\\_Releases\\_4.4BSD-Lite2\\_usr/src/sbin/init/init.8](https://archive.org/details/The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_3_August_1998_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick_Marshall_Kirk_McKusick_The_CSRG_Archives_CD-ROM_3_Final_Berkeley_Releases_4.4BSD-Lite2_usr/src/sbin/init/init.8), Computer Systems Research Group, University of California at Berkeley, April, 1994. `tty(4)` (ibid., `usr/src/share/man/man4/tty.4`) becomes a general overview of the teletype subsystem and `ioctl()` listing; the substantive change is that "The available line disciplines are listed in `<sys/termios.h>` and currently are:"

TTYDISC      Termios interactive line discipline.

TABLDISC     Tablet line discipline.

SLIPDISC     Serial IP line discipline.

which marks the removal of `OTTYDISC` and relabeling, with the aforementioned updates, of `NTTYDISC`, and also I hope they recover from the injury.

Of which `TABLDISC` is described as

```
/*
 * Line discipline for RS232 tablets;
 * supplies binary coordinate data.
 */
```

(*ibid.*, `usr/src/sys/kern/tty_tb.c`, available since **4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution**), where "tablet" is used to mean a digitiser/graphics tablet.

"When the `termios` line discipline is in effect, the terminal file behaves and is operated according to the rules described in `termios(4)`." (*ibid.*, `usr/src/share/man/man4/termios.4`) — "general terminal line discipline" — "describes a general terminal line discipline that is supported on tty asynchronous communication ports.". Job control, its edge cases, controlling teletypes, `O_NONBLOCK`, `[–]icanon` processing, base **Special Control Characters**, and "**Modem Disconnect**" are *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988* verbatim, with choices for implementation-defined behaviour noted, if any. The value of `_POSIX_VDISABLE` is not listed, but the former `–1` recommendation is reused (but spelled as **0xFF** since `cc_t` is unsigned; *4BSD Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM)*, `usr/src/sys/sys/termios.h`).

`{MAX_CANON}` is a limit on the number of bytes in a line. The behavior of the system when this limit is exceeded is the same as when the input queue limit `{MAX_INPUT}`, is exceeded. This appears to match **UNIX® System V Release 4**, but is undocumented there.

"The following special characters are extensions defined by this system and are not a part of 1003.1 `termios`". **eol**'s verbatim inclusion in the base listing essentially re-spells `t_brkc`.

**EOL2**      Secondary EOL character. Same function as **EOL**.

- WERASE** Special character on input and is recognized if the `ICANON` flag is set. Erases the last word in the current line according to one of two algorithms. If the `ALTWERASE` flag is not set, first any preceding whitespace is erased, and then the maximal sequence of non-whitespace characters. If `ALTWERASE` is set, first any preceding whitespace is erased, and then the maximal sequence of alphabetic/underscores or non alphabetic/underscores. As a special case in this second algorithm, the first previous non-whitespace character is skipped in determining whether the preceding word is a sequence of alphabetic/underscores. This sounds confusing but turns out to be quite practical.
- REPRINT** Special character on input and is recognized if the `ICANON` flag is set. Causes the current input edit line to be retyped.
- DSUSP** Has similar actions to the `SUSP` character, except that the `SIGTSTP` signal is delivered when one of the processes in the foreground process group issues a `read()` to the controlling terminal.
- LNEXT** Special character on input and is recognized if the `IEXTEN` flag is set. Receipt of this character causes the next character to be taken literally.
- DISCARD** Special character on input and is recognized if the `IEXTEN` flag is set. Receipt of this character toggles the flushing of terminal output.

**STATUS** Special character on input and is recognized if the `ICANON` flag is set. Receipt of this character causes a `SIGINFO` signal to be sent to the foreground process group of the terminal. Also, if the `NOKERNINFO` flag is not set, it causes the kernel to write a status message to the terminal that displays the current load average, the name of the command in the foreground, its process ID, the symbolic wait channel, the number of user and system seconds used, the percentage of cpu the process is getting, and the resident set size of the process.

Of these, **eo12** is new (presumably for compatibility with **UNIX® System V Release 4**), and so is **status** (and the rest of the infrastructure it describes). No note is made about automatic `REPRINT` on fouling.

"Values of the `c_iflag` field describe the basic terminal input control, and are composed of following masks:"

<b>Input mode</b>	<b>Description</b>
<code>IGNBRK</code>	<code>/* ignore BREAK condition */</code>
<code>BRKINT</code>	<code>/* map BREAK to SIGINTR */</code>
<code>IGNPAR</code>	<code>/* ignore (discard) parity errors */</code>
<code>PARMRK</code>	<code>/* mark parity and framing errors */</code>
<code>INPCK</code>	<code>/* enable checking of parity errors */</code>
<code>ISTRIP</code>	<code>/* strip 8th bit off chars */</code>
<code>INLCR</code>	<code>/* map NL into CR */</code>

```

IGNCR      /* ignore CR */
ICRNL      /* map CR to NL (ala CRMOD) */
IXON       /* enable output flow control */
IXOFF      /* enable input flow control */
IXANY      /* any char will restart after stop */
IMAXBEL    /* ring bell on input queue full */

```

It's interesting to note that *all* of these descriptions are custom, but the order matches **UNIX® System V Release 4**; besides that, this is the standard set of *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988* modes plus `IXANY` `IMAXBEL`, which are described compatibly with **UNIX® System V Release 4** but worse:

If `IXANY` is also set, then any character may restart output.

If `IMAXBEL` is set and the input queue is full, subsequent input shall cause an ASCII `BEL` character to be transmitted to the the output queue.

(it's also described earlier to actually be the same).

`IXOFF` corresponds to the *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* `TANDEM` mode, `ICRNL` to the input half of `CRMOD`, and `ISTRIP` is the inverse of `LPASS8`; `IXANY` is the inverse of **4.1 Berkeley distribution** `LDECCTQ`.

The other descriptions are verbatim the POSIX ones, sans changing the tense from "shall" to "does". This extends to the default value and `ixoff` conditions, which are also listed as "implementation defined" (note the loss of punctuation).

"Values of the *c\_oflag* field describe the basic terminal output control, and are composed of the following masks:"

<b>Output mode</b>	<b>Description</b>
OPOST	← /* enable following output processing */
ONLCR	← /* map NL to CR-NL (ala CRMOD) */
OXTABS	⇐ /* expand tabs to spaces */
ONOEOT	/* discard EOT's '^D' on output) */

OPOST is the inverse of the former LLITOUT, ONLCR helpfully points out it's the output half of CRMOD. and OXTABS – to XTABS, though on modern-day 4.4BSD derivatives this, if at all, survives as TAB3 (even if it's the only non-TAB0 delay mode) instead. ONOEOT was the default in cooked mode.

No note is made of the default value.

"Values of the *c\_cflag* field describe the basic terminal hardware control, and are composed of the following masks."

<b>Control mode</b>	<b>Description</b>
CSIZE	/* character size mask */
CS5	/* 5 bits (pseudo) */
CS6	/* 6 bits */

```
CS7          /* 7 bits */
CS8          /* 8 bits */
CSTOPB      /* send 2 stop bits */
CREAD       /* enable receiver */
PARENB      /* parity enable */
PARODD      /* odd parity, else even */
HUPCL       /* hang up on last close */
CLOCAL      /* ignore modem status lines */
CCTS_OFLOW  /* CTS flow control of output */
CRTSCTS     /* same as CCTS_OFLOW */
CRTS_IFLOW  /* RTS flow control of input */
MDMBUF      /* flow control output via Carrier */
```

Same applies to the labeling, order, and descriptions (though the lack of indentation for CS\* yields another sentence on them being masked by CSIZE), and CREAD is opined on with the appendage of

Not all hardware supports this bit. In fact, this flag is pretty silly and if it were not part of the **termios** specification it would be omitted.

It's unclear why CS5 is marked "pseudo"; it appears to be supported on the devices that do and not on those that don't.

CRTS\_IFLOW is not additionally described, but Clear to send and Request to send are part of RS232 hardware flow control.

The CCTS\_OFLOW (CRTSCTS) flag is currently unused. But does actually appear to be used on some platforms (like *4.BSD Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM)*, `usr/src/sys/sparc/dev/zs.c`).

MDMIBUF ("output flow control is controlled by the state of Carrier Detect.") corresponds to the LMDMIBUF ("Stop/start output when carrier drops") *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* mode.

No note is made of the default value.

"Values of the `c_lflag` field describe the control of various functions, and are composed of the following masks."

Local mode	Description
ECHOKE	/* visual erase for line kill */
ECHOE	← /* visually erase chars */
ECHO	← /* enable echoing */
ECHONL	← /* echo NL even if ECHO is off */
ECHOPRT	← /* visual erase mode for hardcopy */
ECHOCTL	← /* echo control chars as ^(Char) */

```

ISIG      ← /* enable signals INTR, QUIT, [D]SUSP */
ICANON    ← /* canonicalize input lines */
ALTWERASE ← /* use alternate WERASE algorithm */
IEXTEN    ← /* enable DISCARD and LNEXT */
EXTPROC   ← /* external processing */
TOSTOP    ← /* stop background jobs from output */
FLUSHO    ← /* output being flushed (state) */
NOKERNINFO /* no kernel output from VSTATUS */
PENDIN    /* XXX retype pending input (state) */
NOFLSH    ← /* don't flush after interrupt */

```

Same applies to the labeling (which is extra psycho here) and descriptions (down to "an implementation may echo an indication that" no erasing was needed for **icanon echoe**, and **NOFLSH** flushing "are not be done", which is "shall not be done" in the standard). The observant reader may notice that **ECHOK** is missing, but this just seems to be a documentation error, and it's in `termios.h`, commented `/* echo NL after line kill */`, also as present-day.

**ECHOK** does indeed seem to replace/override **ECHOK**, rather than being a mode flag for it like in **UNIX® System V Release 4** and explicitly doesn't work with **ECHOPRT** (in which case it behaves like **ECHOK**; *ibid.*, `usr/src/sys/kern/tty.c`, `ttyninput()`). This is odd, and in contrast with **LPRTERA** (and **UNIX® System V Release 4**).

ECHOE, ECHOCTL, FLUSHO, PENDIN, and NOFLSH correspond to LCRTERA, LCTLECH, LFLUSHO, LPENDIN, and LNOFLSH, and match **UNIX® System V Release 4**. It's unclear why PENDIN is "XXX"ed, it appears fully-functional (ibid., **ttypend()**, **ttread()**).

ALTWERASE, NOKERNINFO, and EXTPROC are new and defer to previous sections, except for the latter, which is undescribed. It appears to short-circuit appx. all line editing, echoing, prevent OXTABS (ibid., **ttypinput()**, **ttyrub()**, **ttyecho()**, **ttypoutput()**) and forward **ioctl()**s in `pty(4)` (ibid., `usr/src/share/man/man4/pty.4`) packet mode to the remote (ibid., `usr/src/sys/kern/tty_pty.c`, **ptyioctl()**).

The macro is actually as old as *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, December, 1979*, described as `/* external processor (kmc) */` (`usr/include/sys/tty.h`), but unused until now.

No note is made of the default value.

Initial **Special Control Characters** values are "set according to the values in the header `<sys/ttydefaults.h>`." (of course, one is also directed to the nonexistent `<ttydefaults.h>` a few lines away instead). The entirely unsurprising summary from the manual follows; it's in declaration order, and doesn't match any other layout, not that it really ought to.

<u>Index Name</u>	<u>Special Character</u>	<u>Default Value</u>
VEOF	EOF	^D

VEOL	EOL	_POSIX_VDISABLE
VEOL2	EOL2	_POSIX_VDISABLE
VERASE	ERASE	^? \177
VWERASE	WERASE	^W
VKILL	KILL	^U
VREPRINT	REPRINT	^R
VINTR	INTR	^C
VQUIT	QUIT	^\\ \34
VSUSP	SUSP	^Z
VDSUSP	DSUSP	^Y
VSTART	START	^Q
VSTOP	STOP	^S
VLNEXT	LNEXT	^V
VDISCARD	DISCARD	^O
VMIN	---	1
VTIME	---	0
VSTATUS	STATUS	^T

Notably: all (actual) delay modes and LCASE are lost, and thank god. This distribution supports close to a dozen platforms and post-dates the relative ubiquity of display terminals by close to two decades.

LTILDE is lost, presumably because the last Hazeltine-branded product that used ~s as escape introducers and didn't allow using ESCs was the 1500, released in 1977 — *Hazeltine 1500 Series Video Display Terminals Maintenance Manual*, HI-1053A, [http://bitsavers.org/pdf/hazeltine/H1500/Hazeltine\\_1500\\_Series\\_Maintenance\\_Manual\\_Dec77.pdf](http://bitsavers.org/pdf/hazeltine/H1500/Hazeltine_1500_Series_Maintenance_Manual_Dec77.pdf), pp. 1-1, 1-8, Hazeltine Corporation Computer Terminal Equipment, Greenlawn, N.Y. 11740, December 1977, 1. Introduction and Description, 1.2 General Description, 1.2.1 Model 1500 and 1.2.2 Model 1510.

So is LETXACK but that's because it was never actually implemented.

LCRTBS is superseded by faster video terminals not needing it (so also by ECHOE).

"RAW" mode survives as one of the **Combos**, and maps very well. "CBREAK" mode is much iffier (**-icanon** excludes **lnext**), and is unrepresentable per se.

Rather than being encoded in some flag, *struct termios* has *c\_[io]speed speed\_t* members (although *speed\_t* is a *long* so it's non-conformant), and the standard **cf[gs]et[io]speed()** functions set/return that (*4.BSD Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM)*, *usr/src/lib/libc/gen/tcsetattr.3*). A **cfsetspeed()** extension is also provided, expectedly just writing to both, and a **cfmakeraw()** that "sets the flags stored in the termios structure to a state disabling all input and output processing, giving a »raw I/O path.«" (**-ignbrk -brkint -parmrk -istrip -inlcr -igncr -icrnl -ixon -opost cs8 -parenb -isig -icanon -echo -echonl -ixten** but **"/ \* XXX set MIN/TIME \*/**"; *ibid.*, *usr/src/lib/libc/gen/termios.c*). The remainder of the interface is uneventful; the speed effects defer to *termios(4)* and the rest copies *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988*

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However, this is the first system the breaks away from the enshrined DH11 Line Parameter Register enumeration value, and "The value of the integer corresponds directly to the baud rate being represented" (with 134.5 baud truncated to **134**); compatibility macros are defined (the usual `EXTA` `EXTB` for **19200** **38400**), but a speed finally is Just an integer, and many more pre-defined macros are provided (**7200**, **14400**, **28800**, **57600**, **76800**, **115200**, **230400** baud), presumably for means-testing.

We have been tracking the IEEE Std1003.2 shell and utility work and have included prototypes of many of the proposed utilities. Most of the traditional utilities have been replaced with implementations conformant to the POSIX standards. Almost the entire manual suite has been rewritten to reflect the POSIX defined interfaces.

(*4.4BSD User's Reference Manual (URM)*, Preface, 3. Changes to the utilities); "rewritten" is very generous — *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2* §4.59.4 Operands is copied entirely (sans the explicit flag macro name sentences and "shall" retensed to "does"), and the **DESCRIPTION** likewise calques §4.59.2 Description. The new **SYNOPSIS** is:

```
stty [-a | -e | -g] [-f file] [operands]
```

with an option listing of

- a** Display all the current settings for the terminal to standard output as per IEEE Std1003.2 ("POSIX").

- e Display all the current settings for the terminal to standard output in the traditional BSD "all" and "everything" formats.
- f Open and use the terminal named by *file* rather than using standard input. The file is opened using the `O_NONBLOCK` flag of `open()`, making it possible to set or display settings on a terminal that might otherwise block on the open.
- g Display all the current settings for the terminal to standard output in a form that may be used as an argument to a subsequent invocation of `stty` to restore the current terminal state as per IEEE Std1003.2 ("POSIX").

Additional flags matching the `termio(4)` extensions follow.

Control mode	Description
<code>crtscts</code> ( <code>-crtscts</code> )	← Enable RTS/CTS flow control.
Input mode	Description
<code>ixany</code> ( <code>-ixany</code> )	← Allow any character (allow only <code>START</code> ) to restart output.

**imaxbel** (**-imaxbel**) ← The system imposes a limit of `MAX_INPUT` (currently 255) characters in the input queue. If **imaxbel** is set and the input queue limit has been reached, subsequent input causes the system to send an ASCII BEL character to the output queue (the terminal beeps at you). Otherwise, if **imaxbel** is unset and the input queue is full, the next input character causes the entire input and output queues to be discarded.

<b>Output mode</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>onlcr</b> ( <b>-onlcr</b> )	← Map (do not map) NL to CR-NL on output.
<b>oxtabs</b> ( <b>-oxtabs</b> )	Expand (do not expand) tabs to spaces on output.
<b>Local mode</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>echoke</b> ( <b>-echoke</b> )	← The <code>KILL</code> character shall (shall not) visually erase the the current line from the display, if possible.
<b>echoctl</b> ( <b>-echoctl</b> )	← If <b>echoctl</b> is set, echo control characters as <code>^X</code> . Otherwise control characters echo as themselves.
<b>echoprt</b> ( <b>-echoprt</b> )	← For printing terminals. If set, echo erased characters backwards within " <code>\</code> " and " <code>/</code> ". Otherwise, disable this feature.

<b>altwerase</b> ( <b>-altwerase</b> )	Use (do not use) an alternate word erase algorithm when processing WERASE characters. This alternate algorithm considers sequences of alphanumeric/underscores as words. It also skips the first preceding character in its classification (as a convenience since the one preceding character could have been erased with simply an ERASE character.)
<b>mdmbuf</b> ( <b>-mdmbuf</b> )	If set, flow control output based on condition of Carrier Detect. Otherwise writes return an error if Carrier Detect is low (and Carrier is not being ignored with the CLOCAL flag.)
<b>flusho</b> ( <b>-flusho</b> )	← Indicates output is (is not) being discarded.
<b>pendin</b> ( <b>-pendin</b> )	Indicates input is (is not) pending after a switch from non-canonical to canonical mode and will be re-input when a read becomes pending or more input arrives.

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<b>Combination mode</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>kerninfo</b> ( <b>-kerninfo</b> )	Enable (disable) the system generated status line associated with processing a STATUS character (usually set to ^T). The status line consists of the system load average, the current command name, its process ID, the event the process is waiting on (or the status of the process), the user and system times, percent cpu, and current memory usage.

**extproc** (**-extproc**) ← If set, this flag indicates that some amount of terminal processing is being performed by either the terminal hardware or by the remote side connected to a pty.

(Note that the **[-]onlcr** description uses a mis-spelled macro to mark up "CR-NL" and hence reads "to on output"; only the wording for **[-]echoprt** and **[-]pendin** is thinly ported, all other descriptions are (re-)written; **[-]kerninfo** doesn't combine anything, since it correspond directly to (the inverse of) NOKERNINFO; the same holds for **[-]extproc** (EXTPROC), but that's implemented with **ioctl**(TIOCEXT), which sends an appropriate packet and then (un)sets the flag (`tty_pty.c`, **ptyioctl**()); EXTPROC is unchangeable via **tcsetattr**() — *ibid.*, `usr/src/sys/kern/tty.c`, **ttioctl**()).

The description for **[-]ixon** is made aware of **ixany** with ", or if **ixany** is set, any character restarts output."; for **[-]ixoff** – respelled as "Request that the system send (not send) START/STOP characters when the input queue is nearly empty/full." for unclear reasons.

The world's worst table is appropriately expanded to cover the extended **Special Control Characters**, but see below.

**size**, **columns** *number*, **cols** *number*, and **rows** *number* are all retained as **Combination Modes**(?). So is "**dec**", but the modes turn into "ixany is disabled, and crt is enabled", and "**[-]crt**", but the description becomes a useless "Set (disable) all modes suitable for a CRT display device." (*4.4BSD User's Reference Manual (URM)*, `usr/src/bin/stty/modes.c` says it's "**echoe**

**-echok echoke echoctl -echoprt"/"-echoe echok -echoke -echoctl**", which is compatible, but assumes a  $\geq 1200$ -baud connection). **sane** is spelled as "Resets all modes to reasonable values for interactive terminal use."

A "**speed** *number*" "mode" is noted after the other speed-setting ones as "This sets both **ispeed** and **ospeed** to *number*.", but instead this is a misdocumented retainment of the **speed** query (which continues to report just the output speed, but now just as the integer value w/o lookup).

A "**tty**" pseudo-combination-mode is added to "Set the line discipline to the standard terminal line discipline TTYDISC.", mirroring the former "**new**"/"**old**".

"[-]**raw**" becomes

If set, change the modes of the terminal so that no input or output processing is performed. If unset, change the modes of the terminal to some reasonable state that performs input and output processing.

followed by, essentially, a re-telling of the *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2*, 4.59.10, History of Decisions Made, para. 4 (ll. 12442-12454) litany, but gets it wrong and proclaims that the "recommended" way to restore the mode is with "stty "\$save\_state"", which isn't forward-compatible and goes *against* the recommendation/example in *ibid.*, 4.59.10, Examples, Usage, para. 2 (ll. 12412-12422), which does *not* quote the **stty -g** output.

"**cooked**", rather than being "**-raw**", becomes "**sane**". This is because so does **-raw**, but you wouldn't know it (*4.4BSD User's Reference Manual (URM)*, `usr/src/bin/stty/key.c`, `f_raw()`).

**Compatibility Modes**, which "remain for compatibility with the previous version of the stty command" are tabulated below.

<b>Mode</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>all</b>	Reports all the terminal modes as with <b>stty -a</b> except that the control characters are printed in a columnar format.
<b>everything</b>	Same as <b>all</b> .
<b>cooked</b>	Same as <b>sane</b> .
<b>cbreak</b>	If set, enables <b>brkint</b> , <b>ixon</b> , <b>imaxbel</b> , <b>opost</b> , <b>isig</b> , <b>iexten</b> , and <b>-icanon</b> . If unset, same as <b>sane</b> .
<b>new</b>	Same as <b>tty</b> .
<b>old</b>	Same as <b>tty</b> .
<b>newcrt (-newcrt)</b>	Same as <b>crt</b> .
<b>pass8</b>	The converse of <b>parity</b> .
<b>tandem (-tandem)</b>	← Same as <b>ixoff</b> .
<b>decctlq (-decctlq)</b>	← The converse of <b>ixany</b> .
<b>crterase (-crterase)</b>	← Same as <b>echoe</b> .
<b>crtbs (-crtbs)</b>	Same as <b>echoe</b> .
<b>crtkill (-crtkill)</b>	Same as <b>echoke</b> .
<b>ctlecho (-ctlecho)</b>	← Same as <b>echoctl</b> .

**prterase** (**-prterase**) ← Same as **echoprt**.  
**litout** (**-litout**)           The converse of **opost**.  
**tabs** (**-tabs**)                The converse of **tabs**.  
**brk** *value*                   Same as the control character **eol**.  
**flush** *value*                Same as the control character **discard**.  
**rprnt** *value*               ← Same as the control character **reprint**.

This is ontologically problematic: how can "**[-]tabs**" be the converse of "**tabs**"? If **[-]crterase** ≡ **[-]echoke** ≡ "**[-]crtbs**" how is **[-]crterase** ≠ "**[-]crtbs**"?

We are, helpfully, treated to some dialectics in modes.c:

```
{ "tabs",          0, OXTABS },          /* "preserve" tabs */
{ "-tabs",        OXTABS, 0 },
```

and

```
{ "crtbs",        ECHOE, 0 },          /* crtbs not supported, close enough */
{ "-crtbs",       0, ECHOE },
```

through which we find that "**[-]tabs**" is actually equivalent to the "converse" of "**[-]oxtabs**", which is equivalent to **tab[03]**, which is as present-day; and that the latter is a solid approximation tending toward upgrade.

The observant reader may note that `NOKERNINFO` appears only as its inverse, which is odd, and `ONOEOT` doesn't appear at all. A truly pendent reader may note that to exhaust all `termios(4)` flags, `CRTS_IFLOW` would also need to be added. Indeed, they are both missing, but "`[-]nokerninfo`" is one of the secret modes, below.

Secret mode	Equiv.	Huh?
<code>-pass8</code>	<code>parity</code>	As-expected
<code>[-]nokerninfo</code>	<code>¬[-]kerninfo</code>	
<code>discard cc</code>	← <code>flush value</code>	Not mentioned in The Table, only implied in <code>flush</code>
<code>[-]flow</code>	<code>[-]ixon</code>	No precedent
<code>char &lt;undef&gt;</code>	<code>char undef</code>	Where <code>char</code> is any <b>Special Control Character</b> (incl. <b>min time</b> )

There's also a disinformation mode: `ek` doesn't exist despite the mandate and documentation.

It wouldn't be a `stty` if the documentation, where it described existing modes, wasn't lying, or actually said what they did (`key.c`; final `ibid.`, `usr/src/bin/stty/cchar.c`, then `usr/src/bin/stty/stty.c`).

Mode	Problem	Huh?
<code>n1</code>	Is <code>-icrnl -onlcr</code>	Exact opposite of what they should be; <code>[-]onlcr</code>
<code>(-n1)</code>	Is <code>icrnl onlcr</code>	undocumented; <code>-inlcr -igncr</code> missing for <code>-n1</code>
<code>-parity, -evenp, -oddp</code>	Also <code>-parodd</code>	

<b>dec</b>	Doesn't <b>-echok</b>	<b>crt</b> does
<b>Mode</b>	<b>Is</b>	
<b>raw</b>	<b>cfmakeraw()</b> , <b>cs8</b> <b>-parenb</b>	
<b>sane</b>	<i>c_iflag</i> set to <b>brkint</b> <b>istrip</b> <b>icrnl</b> <b>ixon</b> <b>ixany</b> <b>imaxbel</b> <i>c_oflag</i> set to <b>oxtabs</b> <b>opost</b> <b>onlcr</b> <i>c_cflag</i> set to <b>cs7</b> <b>cread</b> <b>parenb</b> <b>hupcl</b> with existing state of <b>[-]clocal</b> retained <i>c_lflag</i> set to <b>isig</b> <b>icanon</b> <b>echo</b> <b>echoe</b> <b>echoke</b> <b>echoctl</b> <b>ixexten</b> with existing state of <b>[-]echoe</b> <b>[-]echok</b> <b>[-]echoke</b> <b>[-]noflsh</b> <b>[-]tostop</b> <b>[-]echoctl</b> <b>[-]echoprt</b> <b>[-]al-</b> <b>twerase</b> retained	
<b>min</b> <i>number</i>	Decimal <i>numbers</i> , max. of UCHAR_MAX ( <b>0xFF</b> ) and rejected if parses to same as	
<b>time</b> <i>number</i>	<b>_POSIX_VDISABLE</b> .	
<i>number</i>	All take otherwise-unchecked decimal <i>numbers</i> .	
<b>ispeed</b> <i>number</i>	The bare- <i>number</i> form explicitly sets both speeds.	
<b>ospeed</b> <i>number</i>		

Note, that, per *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2* §7.1.2.6 para. 6 (p. 134):

If ICANON is not set, the value of **{\_POSIX\_VDISABLE}** has no special meaning for the VMIN and VTIME entries of the *c\_cc* array.

so accepting "[<undef[>]" and rejecting *number* = **\_POSIX\_VDISABLE** is definitely suspicious. Funnily enough, this appears to have absolutely no bearing on the system, since there are precisely zero

mentions of VMIN/VTIME in kernel code, except for a "SYS5 style termio" mapping in the `hpuxcompat` module (*4.4BSD Programmer's Reference Manual (PRM)*), `usr/src/sys/hp/hpux/hpux_tty.c`, `hpuxtermio()`, which says

```
* XXX since VMIN and VTIME are not implemented,
* we need to return something reasonable.
```

and, indeed, `-icanon` appears to be always in `hard-min 1 time 0` mode(?) — `tty.c`, `ttread()`.

Despite the purported emulation, there is a marked loss of functionality against *UNIX User's Reference Manual (URM)*, *4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution, Virtual VAX-11 Version* that doesn't correspond to removed unemulatable modes, below.

### Lost

`exta extb`

`[tty]33 [tty]37 [vt]05 tn[300] ti[700] tek`

`[-]evenp [-]oddp`

`gspeed`

`ek`

### Really?

No explicit provision; **134.5** gets by by the skin of its teeth because it gets truncated by `atoi()`

Additionally, the just-integer shorthands become speeds! How fun!

*Could* correspond to some combination of `parenb` `parodd`.

Trivial to port. Trivially, also, indicates lack of use.

☹

Flags are parsed only as long as the entire argument is dashes or flags; this means, that `-f device` is disambiguated from `-flusho` by forbidding `-f device`. This is legal per *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2*, 2.10 Utility Conventions, 2.10.2 Utility Syntax Guidelines, **Guideline 6**: & 2.10.1 Utility Argument Syntax, (2), pp. 152,147 (ll. 5173-5174,5000-5021).

Additionally, as a "conversion aid", a "stdout appears redirected, but stdin is the control descriptor" is produced if you redirect the output to a different teletype:

```
/*
 * Gross, but since we're changing the control descriptor from 1 to 0,
 * most users will probably be doing "stty > /dev/sometty"
 * by accident. If 1 and 2 are both ttys, but not the same,
 * assume that 1 was incorrectly redirected.
 */
```

Unless under TTYDISC, the first line in non-`-g` output starts with "tablet disc; "/"slip disc; "/"#*decimal-discipline-number* disc; ", for the expected cases. Speed(s) in conformant format follow. In `-ae` outputs, the first line ends with the window size in an updated "*ws\_row* rows; *ws\_col* columns;" format. In all non-`-g` outputs, the flags are formatted as

```
lflags: icanon isig iexten echo echoe echok echoke -echonl echoctl
        -echoprt -altwerase -noflsh -tostop -flusho -pendin -nokerninfo
        -extproc
```

(then iflags, oflags, cflags), i.e. prefixed with the group, then broken after the first mode after

the 72<sup>nd</sup> column, with groups w/o any listed modes skipped. Helpfully, continuations are indented with a tab, but the colon is followed with a space.

In **-a** (but *not* no-argument, in clear violation of *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2*, §4.59.6.1, ll. 12390-12394) output, this is followed by all characters in POSIX format with a `cchars` heading.

In **-e** and no-argument output, a saner rendition of the *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980* columnated character listing is seen, insofar there's always one per cell; this listing broken *before* it hits 72 columns, and so may look like

discard	dsusp	eof	eol	eol2	erase	intr	kill	lnext
^O	<undef>	^D	<undef>	<undef>	^?	^C	^U	^V
min	quit	reprint	start	status	stop	susp	time	werase
1	^\	^R	^Q	<undef>	^S	^Z	<undef>	^W

The **Special Control Characters** are listed alphabetically.

All formats use the same character rendering (POSIX- and *Seventh Edition, Virtual VAX-11 Version, November, 1980*-default-mode-compatible), but **min time** are rendered decimally. This is as present-day.

In no-argument output, the default-set flags are **brkint icrnl ixon ixany imaxbel opost onlcr cread hupcl isig icanon echo iexten oxtabs**, with `cs*` and `[-]parenb` always listed; this is a strict subset of "**sane**". No particular order for any of the modes can be discerned.

The `-g` output is perhaps the most novel, insofar as it starts with "gfmt :" through which it is discerned, but then is a list of colon-delimited fields, which are parsed in any order, distinguished as such: "cflag=%x:iflag=%x..." and likewise with [c\_]lflag, [c\_]oflag, all **Special Control Characters** by their primary names, and [io]speed (but in decimal). No exhaustiveness checking is performed, so this allows, at least theoretically, setting any subset of fields (*4BSD User's Reference Manual (URM)*, `usr/src/bin/stty/gfmt.c`).

**X/Open CAE Specification, System Interface Definitions Issue 4, Version 2; X/Open CAE Specification, System Interfaces and Headers Issue 4, Version 2; X/Open CAE Specification, Commands and Utilities Issue 4, Version 2**

Also sometimes known as the Single UNIX Specification ("SUS") partially extract "IEEE Draft Standard P1003.2/D12" and "IEEE Std 1003.1-1990" — *X/Open CAE Specification, System Interfaces and Headers Issue 4, Version 2, X/Open Company Limited*, ISBN: 1-85912-037-7 X/Open Document Number: C435, <http://archive.opengroup.org/publications/archive/CDROM/c435.pdf>, p. ii, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX, United Kingdom, September 1994.

And are "fully compliant" with "ISO/IEC 9945-1: 1990 (POSIX-1)" and "ISO/IEC 9945-2: 1993 (POSIX-2)" — *XPG3-XPG4 Base Migration Guide, Version 2*, 1, 1.3, p. 6.

And, through alignment with FIPS 151-2, "In Issue 3, job control is defined as optional; in Issue 4, it is mandatory." and "{\_POSIX\_VDISABLE} is supported on all XSI-conformant systems in Issue 4, meaning that all changeable special control characters can be disabled individually", likewise optional in Issue

3 (this means that `{_POSIX_VDISABLE}` is always "in effect"). Internationalisation support means `IUCLC`, `OLCUC`, and `XCASE` are marked "TO BE WITHDRAWN" (ibid., Chapter 2 General Portability Issues, 2.8 General Terminal Interface, p. 30).

The `<termios.h>` section (ibid., Chapter 8 Headers, 8.3 Header Migration Information, p. 235) fails to note the marking of `XCASE` (though it does happen both in *X/Open CAE Specification, System Interfaces and Headers Issue 4, Version 2* (Chapter 4 Headers, `<termios.h>`, Local Modes, p. 849) and *X/Open CAE Specification, System Interface Definitions Issue 4, Version 2*, X/Open Company Limited, ISBN: 1-85912-036-9 X/Open Document Number: C434, <http://archive.opengroup.org/publications/archive/CDROM/c434.pdf>, p. 126, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX, United Kingdom, September 1994, Chapter 9 General Terminal Interface, 9.2 Parameters That Can Be Set, 9.2.5 Local Modes.).

And is additionally cleaned up to "align the text more exactly with the POSIX-1 standard" (explicitly disavowing any functional changes pursuant thereto) and marking all "mask name symbols for the `c_oflag` field", sans `OPOST`, as extensions.

In `§<termios.h>`, and *only* there, `OFDEL` is lost. It's unclear why, but that just means that where it lives isn't specified; all other references are intact.

`tcgetsid()` — "get process group ID for session leader for controlling terminal" — is imported from **UNIX® System V Release 4** (*XPG3-XPG4 Base Migration Guide, Version 2*, Chapter 7 System Interfaces, p. 205; *X/Open CAE Specification, System Interfaces and Headers Issue 4, Version 2*, Chapter 3

System Interfaces, `tcgetsid()`, p. 650 , shaded UX ("X/Open UNIX Extension", "included to provide portability for applications originally written to be compiled on UNIX and UNIX-based operating systems"; *ibid.* Chapter 1 Introduction, 1.3 Feature Groups, 1.3.5 X/Open UNIX Extension, p. 4)).

**stty** omits the (formerly-optional) "SWTCH control character" and "**loblk** control mode because *shl* is not supported on all systems", as well as line discipline setting **wline** "because there is no underlying support for it in the POSIX-1 standard" (*XPG3-XPG4 Base Migration Guide, Version 2*, Chapter 4 Utilities, 4.2 Utility Migration Information, p. 79).

The big head-scratcher is removed:

The Issue 3 description of Control Mode 0 says: "Hang up line immediately. This applies to all terminal lines, not just modem lines. A SIGHUP signal is sent to all processes attached to the line.". This description is incorrect and the Issue 4 description accurately reflects the processing of modem disconnects on historical systems.

And is replaced with "If the baud rate is set to 0, the modem control lines will no longer be asserted.", with the description mirrored for "**ospeed number**" — *X/Open CAE Specification, Commands and Utilities Issue 4, Version 2, X/Open Company Limited*, ISBN: 1-185912-034-2 X/Open Document Number: C436, <http://archive.opengroup.org/publications/archive/CDROM/c436.pdf>, p. 665, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX, United Kingdom, September 1994, Chapter 3 Utilities, `stty`, OPERANDS, Control Modes, *number*.

In §**stty**, and *only* there, "**onlcr** (**-onlcr**)" is lost, It's unclear why, since it remains as a macro and as a mode.

It is of little surprise, then, that *X/Open CAE Specification, System Interface Definitions Issue 4, Version 2* Chapter 9, 9.1 Interface Characteristics (pp. 115-120) mirrors *IEEE P1003.2 Draft 11.2* §7.1.1 (Interface Characteristics.) perfectly, to the precision of editorial changes, except: in 9.1 Interface Characteristics, 9.1.7 Non-canonical Mode Input Processing (pp. 117-118),

The ISO POSIX-1 standard does not specify whether the setting of O\_NONBLOCK takes over precedence over MIN or TIME settings. Therefore, if O\_NONBLOCK is set, *read()* may return immediately, regardless of the setting of MIN or TIME. Also, if no data is available, *read()* may either return 0, or return -1 with *errno* set to [EAGAIN].

and a *Release 3.0*-equivalent **erase kill eof** \-escaping paragraph is appended to 9.1.9 Special characters, p. 120, predicated on **ixten** and shaded EX ("Extension", equivalent to modern-day XSI shading).

The same holds for §9.2 (pp. 121-127)/§7.1.2, resp., with the inclusion of IUCLC IXANY (same as *Release 3.0*, shaded EX, former TO BE WITHDRAWN, "In locales other than the POSIX lcoale, the mapping is unspecified.") **Input Modes**, the whole suite of **Output Modes** likewise (and OLCUC TO BE WITHDRAWN, "In locales other than the POSIX locale, the mapping is unspecified"), the **Control Modes** also inlining **Table 7-6.**, and clarifying that

If ISTRIP is set, the value of all but the 7 low-order bits is zero, but the value of any other bits beyond CSIZE is unspecified when read.

(it's unclear what this means), and for **Local Modes** (likewise for XCASE), and **Special Control**

### Characters.

This is duplicated in *X/Open CAE Specification, System Interfaces and Headers Issue 4, Version 2*, <termios.h>, pp. 846-850.

`/dev/tty`'s usefulness for "programs that demand the name of a file for output" is reinstated in full glory — *X/Open CAE Specification, System Interface Definitions Issue 4, Version 2*, Chapter 8 Directpru Structure and Devices, 8.1 Directory Structure and Files, p. 113.

Through *X/Open CAE Specification, Commands and Utilities Issue 4, Version 2*, `stty` (pp. 664-672)'s alignment, all the EX-shaded modes' operands are also shaded EX (as are "**raw** (**-raw** or **cooked**)", "**lcase** (**-lcase**)", "**LCASE** (**-LCASE**)", and "**tabs** (**-tabs** or **tab8**)") and "**loblk** (**-loblk**)" and "**line i**" are lost, and so are the references to output modes in "**nl** (**-nl**)" (the reasoning for this is unclear, they very well could just be individually shaded EX).

What's unexpected (and undocumented), though, is that in "**raw** ...", rather than inheriting the prose description, becomes

Enable (disable) raw input and output. Raw mode is equivalent to setting:

```
stty cs8 erase ^- kill ^- intr ^- \  
quit ^- eof ^- eol ^- -opost -inpck
```

which is equivalent but nevertheless odd, and the lack of the obverse description remains, and the editor's hyperopia in "**tabs** ..." is doubled down on by being described as "Equivalent to `tab3`".

Ibid., STDOOUT changes the disabled-character value to "<undef>".

**CAE Specification, Commands and Utilities, Issue 5; CAE Specification, System Interface Definitions, Issue 5; CAE Specification, System Interfaces and Headers, Issue 5**

Also sometimes Version 2 of the Single UNIX Specification (“SUSv2”); relabels the TO BE WITHDRAWN flags LEGACY — *CAE Specification, System Interfaces and Headers, Issue 5, The Open Group*, ISBN: 1-85912-181-0 X/Open Document Number: C606, <http://archive.opengroup.org/publications/archive/CDROM/c606.pdf>, pp. 1185-1189, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX, United Kingdom, February 1997, Chapter 4 Headers, <termios.h>.

Where the former is removed (ibid., Chapter 1 Introduction, 1.4 Changes from Issue 4, 1.4.2 Changes from Issue 4, Version 2 to Issue 5, p. 6) and the latter is now defined as formerly-mandatory (ibid., 1.3 Feature Groups, 1.3.4 Legacy, p. 4).

This is mirrored in *CAE Specification, System Interface Definitions, Issue 5, The Open Group*, ISBN: 1-85912-186-1 X/Open Document Number: C605, <http://archive.opengroup.org/publications/archive/CDROM/c605.pdf>, pp. 125-130, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX, United Kingdom, February 1997, Chapter 9 General Terminal Interface, 9.2 Parameters that Can be Set.

As well as *CAE Specification, Commands and Utilities, Issue 5, The Open Group*, ISBN: 1-85912-191-8 X/Open Document Number: C604, <http://archive.opengroup.org/publications/archive/CDROM/c604.pdf>, pp. 690-694, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 1AX, United Kingdom, February 1997, Chapter 3 Utilities, stty.

The editor's least favourite mode finally becomes "**tabs** (**-tabs** or **tab3**)", and loses "Equivalent to tab3." – the **CHANGE HISTORY** calls this "The description of **tabs** is clarified" (*ibid.*, p. 696).

### **IEEE Std 1003.1-2001, Open Group Technical Standard, Base Specifications, Issue 6**

Equivalent to Version 3 of the Single UNIX Specification ("SUSv3"), removes LEGACY are removed and re-shades EX with XSI ("Extension", X/Open System Interface Extension) — *1003.1™, Standard for Information Technology — Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX®), Base Definitions, Issue 6, The Open Group*, ISBN: U.K. 1-85912-247-7 U.S. 1-931624-07-0 Document Number: C950, <http://www.oldlinux.org/Linux.old/Ref-docs/POSIX/C950.pdf>, p. 190 (ll. 6777-6778) & pp. 191-194 (ll. 6807-6929), 6 December 2001, Chapter 11 General Terminal Interface, 11.1 Interface Characteristics, 11.1.9 Special Characters & 11.2 Parameters that Can be Set.

This is mirrored in *ibid.*, Chapter 13 Headers, <termios.h>, pp. 379-381.

Setting the input baud rate to zero was a mechanism to allow for split baud rates. Clarifications in this volume of IEEE Std 1003.1-2001 have made it possible to determine whether split rates are supported and to support them without having to treat zero as a special case. Since this functionality is also confusing, it has been declared obsolescent.

It is unclear what these clarifications are, and the declaration is likewise not reflected in the text — *1003.1™, Standard for Information Technology — Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX®), System Interfaces, Issue 6, The Open Group*, ISBN: U.K. 1-85912-252-3 U.S. 1-931624-08-9 Document Number: C951, <http://www.oldlinux.org/Linux.old/Ref-docs/POSIX/C951.pdf>, p. 178, 6 December 2001,

Chapter 3 System Interfaces, `cfgetispeed()`.

It may be that this corresponds to, rather than allowing `tcgetattr()` to return with a *struct termios* whose input speed is `0` if asymmetric speeds are unsupported (formerly shaded EX), requiring that

If the terminal device does not support split baud rates, the input baud rate stored in the **termios** structure shall be the output rate (as one of the symbolic values). (ibid., `tcgetattr()`, pp. 1489-1490). This is additionally questionable, since implementations are free to support arbitrary speeds: if the output speed is not one of the baseline listed in the equivalent of *IEEE Std 1003.1-1988 Table 7-6*. and the device is symmetric — is the input speed to be fudged to one of the standard ones?

The removals and reshades are further mirrored in *1003.1™, Standard for Information Technology — Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX®), Shell and Utilities, Issue 6, The Open Group*, ISBN: U.K. 1-85912-257-4 U.S. 1-931624-09-7 Document Number: C952, <http://www.oldlinux.org/Linux.old/Ref-docs/POSIX/C952.pdf>, pp. 883-887, 6 Devenber 2001, Chapter 4 Utilities, `stty`.

Notably, all *but* `-xcase` are noted in the **CHANGE HISTORY**.

Additionally, "**tabs** (`-tabs` or **tab3**)" is moved up from **Combination Modes** up to the **Output Modes**, after the **tab\*** delays, as "**tabs** (`-tabs`)" – "Synonym for **tab0** (**tab3**)"; this is likewise unnoted in the **CHANGE HISTORY**, most likely because it is just editorial, as is the split of **min time** into separate cells with their own otherwise-identical descriptions.

Ibid., `STDOUT` (p. 888) changes the disabled-character value to *"undef"*. This is very much in error (most likely as part of reducing other ‘</>’ pairs, like the ones in the format specification just above) and an invention of the editor.

### **The Open Group Base Specifications Issue 6, IEEE Std 1003.1, 2004 Edition**

Includes "IEEE Std 1003.1-2001/Cor 1-2002" (Technical Corrigendum 1), fixing "an error in the OPERANDS section for the Combination Modes `nl( -nl)`.", which, indeed, now starts with "Disable (enable) `icrnl`." — *The Open Group Base Specifications Issue 6, IEEE Std 1003.1, 2004 Edition, The IEEE and The Open Group*, <https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/009695099/utilities/stty.html>, 2004, XCU, 4. Utilities, stty, OPERANDS, Combination Modes.

### **The Open Group Base Specifications Issue 7, IEEE Std 1003.1™-2008**

Unshades `IXANY/"ixany (-ixany)" [XSI]` — *The Open Group Base Specifications Issue 7, IEEE Std 1003.1™-2008, The IEEE and The Open Group*, [https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799.2008edition](https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799.2008edition/basedefs/V1_chap11.html), [basedefs/V1\\_chap11.html](https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799.2008edition/basedefs/V1_chap11.html) & [basedefs/termios.h.html](https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799.2008edition/basedefs/termios.h.html) & [utilities/stty.html](https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799.2008edition/utilities/stty.html), 2004, XBD, 11. General Terminal Interface, 11.2 Parameters that Can be Set, 11.2.2 Input Modes & XBD, 13. Headers, `<termios.h>`, DESCRIPTION, Input Modes & XCU, 4. Utilities, stty, OPERANDS, Input Modes.

The interpretation referenced for this change — *Austin Group Interpretation 1003.1-2001 #144*: <https://collaboration.opengroup.org/austin/interps/documents/14535/AI-144.txt> — doesn't provide any rationale, and mentions it once, tersely, as "do it", in the editor's notes.

The meat of the interpretation is the only other change, and concerns the introduction of `O_TTY_INIT`, which is out of scope here.

### **The Open Group Base Specifications Issue 7, IEEE Std 1003.1™-2008, 2016 Edition**

Reinstates "**onlcr** (-onlcr)" with only editorial description changes as part of Technical Corrigendum 2 — *The Open Group Base Specifications Issue 7, IEEE Std 1003.1™-2008, 2016 Edition, The IEEE and The Open Group*, <https://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/9699919799.2016edition/utilities/stty.html>, 2016, XCU, 4. Utilities, stty, OPERANDS, Combination Modes.

### **P1003.1™-202x, Draft 2.1, August 2021**

Imports the inimitable *PRM, 4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution* `SIGWINCH`, `TIOC[GS]WINSZ`, **stty size**, **stty rows**, **stty cols**, and `struct winsize`, reduced to at least:

`unsigned short ws_row`      Rows, in characters.

`unsigned short ws_col`      Columns, in characters.

(one may recognise these descriptions as also imported verbatim) — **stty** *P1003.1™-202x/D2.1, Draft Standard for Information Technology — Portable Operating System Interface (POSIX™), IEEE Computer Society The Open Group*, Issue 8, <https://www.opengroup.org/austin/restricted/202x-d2.1/>

202x\_d2.1.pdf, p. 415, August 2021, XBD, Chapter 14 Headers, <termios.h>, The winsize Structure.

**ioctl**(**TIOC[GS]WINSZ**) is, naturally, imported as functions, freshly designated **tc[gs]etwinsize()** — *ibid.*, XSH, Chapter 3 System Interfaces, `tcgetwinsize()` & `tcsetwinsize()` (pp. 2088-2091 & 2099-2100; ll. 67626-27765 & 67981-68045). The reason for not standardising `ws_[xy]pixel` is noted as "With current hardware, it is not obvious that the **unsigned short** type used for those fields is sufficient and no uses of these fields in portable code were found." (*ibid.*, `tcsetwinsize()`, RATIONALE, p. 2100 (ll. 68031-68038)), which is perhaps too cautious on the former front.

**tcsetwinsize()**, like all other teletype-configuration functions, acts as a **write()** for the purposes of `TOSTOP` (this matches *PRM, 4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution*, but isn't documented there) — *ibid.*, XBD, Chapter 11 General Terminal Interface, 11.1 interface Characteristics, 11.1.4 Terminal Access Control, para. 3, p. 185 (ll. 6522-6525).

**stty** is naturally extended with more *PRM, 4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution*-compatible capabilities, outlined below (*ibid.*, XCU, Chapter 3 Utilities, `stty`, pp. 3181-3190 (ll. 3181-108312)),

### Terminal Window Size

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**rows number** ← Set the number of rows in the terminal window size to the number given.

**cols number** ← Set the number of columns in the terminal window size to the number given.

### Informational Queries

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**size** ← Write the current terminal window size to standard output.

The no-output-if-operands clause is voided if **Informational Queries** are specified, and **size** fields are required to be separated by a space.

**-g** is forbidden from containing "any sequence that would form an Informational Query", which is relevant, because its restriction on *all* word expansions is lifted, in that its output is allowed to field-split. This is likely to allow a simple extension of existing implementations to just append **rows cols**, since, in what's possibly the most evocative standards phrasing, the new mandate is for "all the current settings, optionally excluding the terminal window size".

The example in *ibid.*, APPLICATION USAGE, p. 3188 (ll. 108251-108256) is extended to save the size as `ttysize=$(printf "rows %d cols %d" $(stty size))` and restore it via a separate **stty** invocation. This, in many ways, a pre-admission of defeat. Or just good exposition.

### Lies by Omission

Version 7 AT&T UNIX/32V is a straight-forward port of *Seventh Edition* to the VAX-11, and it's additionally unclear what the distribution tape looks like; the one available from the TUHS (<https://www.tuhs.org/Archive/Distributions/USDL/32V>) reads either heavily modified, or like a botched merge of *Sixth Edition* and *Seventh Edition*. Its derived systems (herein, *Seventh Edition*, *Virtual VAX-11 Version*, December, 1979) look like normal *Seventh Edition* derivations.

4.1aBSD/4.1bBSD/4.1cBSD: these naturally represent intermediate points in at least the kernel, and the latter's **stty** is wholly different from both **4.1 Berkeley distribution** and *UNIX Programmer's Manual, 4.2 Berkeley Software Distribution, Virtual VAX-11 Version*.

4.3BSD-Reno **stty** is entirely different from both 4.3BSD-Tahoe (functionally the same as *UNIX User's Reference Manual (URM)*, *4.3 Berkeley Software Distribution, Virtual VAX-11 Version*, uses C-family macros for "**dec**" **kill intr**) and *4.4BSD User's Reference Manual (URM)*,

Likewise, 4.4BSD-Lite differs to  $\epsilon$  from 4.4BSD-Lite2 kernel-wise and the latter fixes a minor "[**-**]extproc" bug.

*UNIX Programmer's Manual /etc/tabs* (VII) (p. 212) and its various executable derivatives: while most often mentioned right next to `stty(1)` in the Introductions, these are concerned with (essentially) hardware configuration of the teletype itself, which explains why they've become part of Curses Library (`libcurses`, `-lcurses`), and are out of scope.

2BSD isn't a cohesive system and its `tset(UCB)` ("set terminal modes") doesn't target any particular system, and, again, uses proto-Curses via `termcap(UCB)`. As it evolves, it much more obviously starts setting up the environment for visuals — now part of Curses Library (`libcurses`, `-lcurses`) — and the calling convention grows increasingly insane, from already solid base-line.