

NAME

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

SYNOPSIS

ctrlaltdel **hard|soft**

DESCRIPTION

Based on examination of the *linux/kernel/reboot.c* code, it is clear that there are two supported functions that the Ctrl-Alt-Del sequence can perform.

hard Immediately reboot the computer without calling [sync\(2\)](#) and without any other preparation. This is the default.

soft Make the kernel send the SIGINT (interrupt) signal to the **init** process (this is always the process with PID 1). If this option is used, the **init(8)** program must support this feature. Since there are now several **init(8)** programs in the Linux community, please consult the documentation for the version that you are currently using.

When the command is run without any argument, it will display the current setting.

The function of **ctrlaltdel** is usually set in the */etc/rc.local* file.

OPTIONS

-V, --version

Display version information and exit.

-h, --help

Display help text and exit.

FILES

/etc/rc.local

SEE ALSO

[init\(8\)](#), [systemd\(1\)](#)

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AVAILABILITY

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