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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TECH NOTE #008

Banner Message

The Concept

A banner message is a greeting, warning or informational message displayed when logging into a system via telnet, rsh or ssh.

Examples

```
fas> wrfile /etc/issue
warning: This system to be accessed only by Acme Corporation employees.
Have a nice day.
```

```
<Ctrl+C> error: broken pipe
```

What It Means To You

The /etc/issue (or /etc/motd) file were intended to relay information to administrative users upon login. Many companies require a legal boilerplate be displayed for security reasons. This file provides an easy way to display information to all users accessing the system via a Command Line Interface (CLI).

More Information

See the Data ONTAP System Administration guide:

http://now.netapp.com/NOW/knowledge/docs/ontap/rel7261/html/ontap/sysadmin/accessing/concept/c_oc_a_ccs_access-telnet-banner.html

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