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Subject: not a typewriter

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I asked at this group what this message means, because I thought it was specific to IDL. However it is a generic OSF / Dec Unix message. In my case it was a transient problem. Its formal definition follows: I found it with 5 minutes of Altavista search..

[ENOTTY] Not a typewriter

Indicates one or more of the following errors:

- o The file descriptor's file is not a terminal.
- o The calling process does not have a controlling terminal.
- o The controlling terminal is no longer associated with the calling process session (tcsetpgrp()).
- o The specified open descriptor is not associated with a character-special device or the specified request does not apply to the kind of object that the specified open descriptor references (ioctl()).

Hopefully this helps somebody

This came from

<http://www.uwaterloo.ca/man/OSF/intro.2.html>

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