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Hello,

For some reason, I thought little about the "clear" command today.. Let's say a privileged user (root) logs on, edit a sensitive file (e.g, a file containing a password, running vipw, etc) .. then runs clear and logout. Then anyone can press the scroll–lock command, scroll back up and read the sensitive information.. Isn't "clear" ment to clear the backbuffer instead of printing a full screen of returns? If it does, I'm not sure how that would effect a user running "clear" on a pty (telnet, sshd, screen, etc) ..

Best regards,
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