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"Where am I?" - Adding extra information to the Terminal prompt

If you deal with multiple instances of Caché / Ensemble / HealthShare and sometimes have to work at the Terminal command prompt, did you know that you can easily add extra information to that prompt which may help prevent you running a command on the wrong instance?

The format of the command prompt is controlled by the TerminalPrompt setting in the [Startup] section of the CPF but it is normally manipulated via Portal. The documentation is [here](#).

The default prompt looks like this:

```
USER>
```

```
USER>; TerminalPrompt="8,2"
```

The 2 is what provides the namespace name. Most of the time the 8 adds nothing, but you can see its effect by starting a transaction or two, then ending them:

```
USER>tstart
```

```
TL1:USER>tstart
```

```
TL2:USER>tcommit
```

```
TL1:USER>tcommit
```

```
USER>
```

When working with multiple instances, perhaps across different servers, setting TerminalPrompt="8,1,3,2" may be useful:

```
Node: TIN, Instance: ENS171
```

```
TIN:ENS171:USER>
```

```
TIN:ENS171:USER>; TerminalPrompt="8,1,3,2"
```

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