

Rationale

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Hi All,

checked google, asked this before on irc, didn't get a usable answer (can't find any use of /etc/login.defs).

What is the rationale behind the PATH environment variable?
Running woody I get

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/usr/local/bin:/usr/bin:/bin:/usr/bin/X11:/usr/games
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as a normal user. As root I get

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/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:/sbin:/bin:  
/usr/bin/X11
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Thinking security I would expect them the other way around.
So /bin:/usr/bin:/usr/local/bin and /sbin:/bin:/usr/sbin:/usr/bin:
/usr/local/sbin:/usr/local/bin

Mind you: I do not want this changed, just explained.

Anybody care to enlighten me ;-)?

Sincerely,

Jan.

"Did anybody know 2.6 is not cat proof?"

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