

Re: symbolic links, dosemu and /etc/skel

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Frank Cox wrote:

I have had this happen before, but just now figured out exactly what's going on.

I still don't know why.

I create a user and run dosemu, then go into ~/.dosemu/drive_c and make a symbolic link to another directory: `ln -s /opt/data/test .`

Now I have a link in ~/.dosemu/drive_c that goes to /opt/data/test and if I load dosemu and type "cd test" it takes me to /opt/data/test just like it should.

I use that user's home directory to create a /etc/skel directory for creating new users home directories from.

When I create a new user with that /etc/skel in place, I have a link to /opt/data/test in ~/.dosemu/drive_c just like I should.

But:

dosemu doesn't see it.

In the dosemu window, I type "dir" and cant' see TEST listed at all. "cd test" doesn't work.

Removing ~/.dosemu from the new user's directory and running dosemu and adding the link works as expected.

The short form of the story is that I can't have a symbolic link in ~/.dosemu/drive_c as part of an /etc/skel profile and have it actually work.

Everything else in/etc/skel works as expected.

What could be going on here?

Dumb question – is the link using an absolute or a relative path to

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the directory it is pointing to? If it is a relative path, then is it a valid path when in /etc/skel? Maybe the program/script that sets up the new user's home directory does not copy bad symlinks...

Mikkel

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for thou art crunchy and taste good with Ketchup!

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