

Re: [RFC] Documentation dir is a mess

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----- Marc Koschewski <marc@osknowledge.org> wrote:

> * Steven Rostedt <rostedt@goodmis.org> [2005-11-20 20:56:59 -0500]:
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>> On Sun, 2005-11-20 at 16:30 -0800, Greg KH wrote:
>>> On Sun, Nov 20, 2005 at 01:19:09PM +0100, Xose Vazquez Perez wrote:
>>>> hi,
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>>>> *_today_ Documentation/* is a mess of files. It would be good
>>>> to have the same tree as the code has:*
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>>>> *Do you have a proposal as to what specific files in that directory
>>>> should go where? Just basing it on the source tree will not get
>>>> you very far...*
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>>>> *Actually I think it's a good start. When I'm looking for
>>>> documentation, I usually just do a `grep -r` on the Documentation
>>>> directory hoping I get a correct hit and then manually look
>>>> through all the results I get.*
>>>> *It does get tedious, and I miss things all the time.*
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>>>> *As you're just about to maybe make a decision on reorganisation: how
>>>> about a separation of user- and developer-relevant documentation?
>>>> I mean, kernel boot parameters are relevant to a user whereas
>>>> `mm/*` stuff is not.*

There's a problem in the general conception that user/developer is a mutex. The whole idea is that anyone may become a developer at will. A division of Documentation/ to make an artificial distinction that the community doesn't necessarily believe in doesn't seem too useful.

Now, I don't mean to suggest that you're wrong; I'm sure you have a valid point. If I may rephrase, it sounds more like you're looking for "fingertip reference" versus "in-depth documentation". The documents that exist may not conform themselves well to that sort of division, necessarily. Ho