

About the system maintenance scripts

What in the world is it doing when it's churning away at my hard drive running the maintenance scripts?

Here's a brief translation of the /etc/daily, weekly, and monthly scripts into English (although I wouldn't call it 'plain English'...).

Daily Script

If the rwho system has been configured, clear out the old files in /var/rwho

Clear out files old files and directories in the /tmp and /var/tmp directories

Remove system messages older than 21 days

If system accounting is on, process the accounting files and gather daily statistics

Backup the NetInfo database

Output the disk capacities and storage available

Show which filesystems haven't had 'dump' performed on them in a while (archaic)

Show accumulated network statistics and network uptime (ruptime)

Rotate the system.log file and restart the syslog process

Clear out the webserver log files older than a week

Run the /etc/daily.local script if it exists

Run a /etc/security check script if it exists

Weekly Script

If the /usr/libexec/locate.updatedb database exists, update the 'locate' database

If the /usr/libexec/makewhatis.local file exists, rebuilt the 'whatis' database

Rotate the following log files: ftp.log, lookupd.log, lpr.log, mail.log, netinfo.log

Restart the syslog process

Run the /etc/weekly.local script if it exists

Monthly Script

Run the login accounting process

Rotate the wtmp log files

Restart the syslog daemon

Run the /etc/monthly.local script if it exists