NAME

newalias - install new elm aliases for user and/or system

SYNOPSIS

newalias [-g]

DESCRIPTION

Newalias creates new hash and data files from a text file. If the program is invoked with the *-g* (global) flag, the program updates the system alias files. Otherwise, the program looks for a file called *$HOME/.elm/aliases.text* and, upon finding it, creates files *$HOME/.elm/aliases.dir*, *$HOME/.elm/aliases.pag* and *$HOME/.elm/aliases* for the *elm* program.

The format that the program expects is;

    alias, alias, .. = comment = address

or

    alias, alias, .. = comment = alias, alias, ...

The first form is for an individual user such as;

    dave, taylor = Dave Taylor = veeger!hpcnou!dat

or optionally as;

    dave, taylor = Taylor; Dave = veeger!hpcnou!dat

to allow the aliases to be properly sorted by last name.

The second is for defining a group alias such as;

    gurus = Unix Gurus = alan, john, dave, mike, richard,
            larry, t_richardson

Note that lines can be continued at will, blank lines are accepted without error, and that any line starting with ’#’ is considered a comment and is not processed.

If the ‘comment’, or ‘address’ fields need to contain ‘=’ characters, those characters must either be escaped using a backslash character or the address must be inside doublequotes (‘"’).

Aliases are case insensitive so dave and Dave are both the same alias.

Finally, aliases can contain other aliases, and/or groups;

    unix = Unix people = gurus, taylor, jonboy

FILES

$HOME/.elm/aliases.text	alias source for user
$HOME/.elm/aliases.dir	alias dbz directory for user
$HOME/.elm/aliases.pag	alias dbz hash file for user
$HOME/.elm/aliases	alias data file for user
/usr/local/lib/aliases.text	alias source for system
/usr/local/lib/aliases.dir	alias dbz directory for system

/usr/local/lib/aliases.pag   alias data hash table for system
/usr/local/lib/aliases   alias data file for system

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SEE ALSO

elm(1L), elmalias(1L), checkalias(1L), mail(1), mailx(1)

DIAGNOSTICS

Newalias has a couple of descriptive error messages which don't need to be detailed here. It is, however, worth noting that the *checkalias* program can be used to ensure that the aliases are in the proper order and are available for the *elm* system.

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