

## Re: rc.d and ports

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On Tue, Feb 24, 2004 at 01:14:52PM +0100, Oliver Eikemeier wrote:

> *Mike Makonnen wrote:*

> >>*them*

> >>*to go away with the port. Nobody (and especially not ports) should edit*

> >>*whatever/defaults/rc.conf, and how would I otherwise cope with the*

> >>*situation*

> >>*that default flags may change?*

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> >*Then the ports can use /usr/local/etc/rc.conf.d. When the port is deleted*

> >*it can just delete the appropriate conf file in that directory without the*

> >*need to edit any files.*

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> */\${PREFIX}/etc/rc.conf.d files may be edited by the user, so you can't simply*

> *delete them.*

Yes, we can. These are defaults \*as supplied from FreeBSD\*, and editing them is an error.

I think that we might want a more telling name

(`/${PREFIX}/etc/defaults/rc.conf.d/` or `/${PREFIX}/etc/rc.conf.defaults/` –

I prefer the former). If we want to be really friendly, we might also

want to allow per-port override files, make sure the defaults are

suitably labelled inside each file, and set them schg so the user have

to work really hard to shoot himself in the foot.

But if we use default files, we definately can and should delete them when we wipe the port.

The other alternative is to use a full merge system for port config

files. I've put up a draft of a design for extending etcmerge to

support this at

<http://people.freebsd.org/~eivind/etcmerge.ports>

However, having parts of the system come and go at will is a really hard job for any config file manager.

Eivind.

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