

## Re: Move /usr/sup to /var/db/sup?

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At 12:36 PM -0700 5/21/04, Crist J. Clark wrote:

>Just a minor thing, but I would think[0] most people would  
>agree that /var/db/sup is a much more logical place for the  
>CVSup "base" directory than /usr/sup. Yes, it doesn't take  
>up much space on /usr, but for those who don't want to write  
>to /usr[1] too much or mount /usr read-only, it's an irritant.  
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>Of course, there is one big reason not to change it, because  
>it would be a change.

I have all my own sup-files anyway, so I do not have any strong opinion on this. But there is one minor advantage that I have noticed in having the "base=" directory in the same partition as the "prefix=" directory. If the partition matching "prefix=" is not mounted, and if the "base=" file is on that partition, then any attempt to run the cvsups will immediately fail.

However, if the "prefix=" partition is not mounted, and the "base=" directory *is* available (because it is on a different partition), then the cvsups will go right ahead and download everything into the wrong partition. Depending on how your machine is set up, this can be rather disastrous... (it was for me, at least!)

I have no idea if that is why someone went with /usr/sup in the example supfiles, though. I do not object to making the change to use /var/db/sup, but then I don't use those example files so my vote wouldn't mean much anyway... :-)

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