

Re: newer versions of gnu diff and patch

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On Fri, Jul 30, 2004 at 02:41:32PM -0400, Garance A Drosihn wrote:

> At 5:40 PM +0200 7/30/04, Radim Kolar wrote:
> >in freebsd 5.2 i have in base system diff 2.7 and patch 2.1.
> >Are there any plans to import newer versions into base system
> >for 5.3 release?
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> There is an explicit decision to leave diff and patch as they are.
> The newer gnu patch is also incompatible to the older patch in
> some ways, so it is not a trivial "just drop it in" upgrade. A
> new version of patch **will** break some things, and we certainly
> do not need that right now.
>
> What we would like to do is to move to a bsd-licensed version of
> patch, which I am supposed to be working on in my copious spare
> time...

FWIW, I have been running with OpenBSD's version of patch on most of my machines for a year or more now, and haven't had any problems.

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