

Re: newer versions of gnu diff and patch

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At 1:52 PM +1000 7/31/04, Tim Robbins wrote:

> *On Fri, Jul 30, 2004, 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.*

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>> *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...*

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> *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.*

Thanks for the info. It is my intent to revive the patch-related project that I had promised to do. I might be able to start on that this weekend, assuming I can first track down a completely unrelated problem that I am having on sparc64.

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