

## Re: New library: libpidfile.

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On Wed, Aug 24, 2005 at 07:14:37PM +0200, Pawel Jakub Dawidek wrote:

> *On Wed, Aug 24, 2005 at 05:45:40PM +0400, Yar Tikhyy wrote:*  
> >> >  
> >> > *Neither, of these are safe to prevent multiple daemons from starting*  
> >> > *up at the same time... Both NetBSD and OpenBSD doesn't even check if*  
> >> > *a daemon is running.. it just blindly splats the pid into the file..*  
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> >> *Of course, giving advices is much easier than doing the real work,*  
> >> *but I dare suggest cooperation with NetBSD and OpenBSD on this issue*  
> >> *so that eventually we have a good and compatible implementation of*  
> >> *the pidfile API in \*BSD. I believe that the NetBSD and OpenBSD*  
> >> *folks won't take offence if approached with a well-grounded explanation*  
> >> *of why their current pidfile functions suck.*  
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> *They are of course free to adpot pidfile(3) and I'll gladly provide*  
> *all needed explanations if they'll ask me.*

And what if they miss your effort and don't ask you in the first place? My point is that a bit of good will won't hurt when we see evidently rotten code in other projects and have a better solution to offer. This is particularly true for \*BSD since we all grow from the same root. In addition, by taking the initiative you'll encourage \*BSD folks to provide useful feedback on your work. To my mind, it is a wonderful opportunity that as little as a mere email can help to make \*BSD a tad better and more compatible.

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