

Re: find -lname and -ilname implemented

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On Sun, Feb 24, 2008 at 12:43:39PM -0700, M. Warner Losh wrote:

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:> { "-empty", c_empty, f_empty, 0 },
:> { "-exec", c_exec, f_exec, 0 },
:> { "-execdir", c_exec, f_exec, F_EXECDIR },
:> - { "-false", c_simple, f_not, 0 },
:> + { "-false", c_simple, f_false, 0 },
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: This brakes FreeBSD compatiblity in the favor of GNU. What will
: old FreeBSD user think when his scripts will stop working
: after next cvsup? I suppose our target not to make FreeBSD
: to look like Linux. If you want to add GNU-like false option,
: please, add it under the different name.
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I considered it, but rejected it. The current -false option doesn't make any sense at all, likely isn't used, is just a short-cut for '!' and had a very dubious justification when it was committed.

Hum... did you survey a sufficient number of folks to get a feel for its usage in the wild? Do the other BSD's have this option and how have they implemented it? Changing existing BSD behavior to match GNU seems wrong on the surface as compatibility with FreeBSD is definitely > compatibility with GNU.

If you have looked into these things - cool.

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