

Re: changing the shell and editor

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On Wed, 25 Aug 2004, Marcel.lautenbach wrote:

> well, i've tried a bit playin with the /etc/master.passwd, adduser,
> vipw an so on.
>
> now i use the bash shell. but, i am not able to change my enviroment
> variables anymore. trying "set EDITOR emacs" did not work. when ich
> echo my editor variable, it is empty. though i have changed my shell
> back to csh in the /etc/master.password file, when i log on i still
> use the bash.
>
> rebooting the system or kill -1 I didn't do any good. i am getting
> confused now a bit. acually changes in the master.passwd file should
> take effect in any case, shouldn't they?

greetings marcel,

try using 'pw' to change your shell:

```
pw user mod $username -s /bin/$shell
```

also, when i set variables in bash:

```
[myserver]$ echo $SHELL  
/bin/bash  
[myserver]$ name=marcel  
[myserver]$ echo $name  
marcel
```

regards,

-gordon

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