

Re: Means of trimming files

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On Tuesday 29 June 2004 04:04 pm, Jerry McAllister wrote:

> > *On Tuesday 29 June 2004 01:07 pm, Bill Moran wrote:*

> > > *Gerard Samuel <fbsd-questions@trini0.org> wrote:*

> > > > *When editing php files, via the command line, there is a newline*

> > > > *character after the closing ?>*

> > > > *Im looking for a command that would trim files, so that I can append*

> > > > *it to the find command.*

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> > > > *find ./ -name '*.php' -exec SOME_COMMAND {} \;*

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> > > *If you're absolutely sure of the number of characters you're removing*

> > > *from the end of the file, you could use truncate(1).*

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> > > *Otherwise, you'll probably want sed or perl to check that it's not*

> > > *removing important characters.*

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> > *Trying to use truncate is not working on my end.*

> > *Does anyone see a syntax error with it???*

> > *Ran on 5.2.1-RELEASE-p6 FreeBSD.*

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> > *\$ pwd*

> > */usr/home/gsam*

> > *\$ ls ~/z.php*

> > */home/gsam/z.php*

> > *\$ truncate -r ~/z.php*

> > *usage: truncate [-c] -s [+|-]size[K|M|G] file ...*

> > *truncate [-c] -r rfile file ...*

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> > *I tried \$ truncate -r rfile ~/z.php but that didn't work either.*

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> *Well is 'rfile' the exact length you want and is it always going to*

> *be exactly a newline character shorter than z.php?*

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> *Maybe you want something more like 'truncate -s -1 z.php'*

> *presuming it is always just one newline character at the end.*