

Re: 6.2: maillog grows, newsyslog's misbehaving ?

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At 1:08 PM +0200 5/28/07, Andreas Klemm wrote:

Hi,

discovered that the maillog file on my freebsd Desktop grows and grows (now at 50MB).

According to the newsyslog.conf file it should be trimmed every night at midnight.

```
/var/log/maillog 640 7 * @T00 JC
```

Is it a prerequisite, that the system then runs 24x7 so that the newsyslog default settings work ?

As mentioned in the man page for newsyslog.conf :

If a time is specified, the log file will only be trimmed if newsyslog(8) is run within one hour of the specified time.

You could force a rotate by running newsyslog yourself:

```
/usr/sbin/newsyslog -F /var/log/maillog
```

but that would be a one-time fix.

There is a startup file for newsyslog in /etc/rc.d which runs the program one-time at startup. You could set an alternate value for the variable 'newsyslog_flags' in your /etc/rc.conf file, and use that to do the checks you want at startup. This would probably mean creating a duplicate newsyslog.conf file.

So, to answer your question: Yes, the default settings for newsyslog.conf do assume that your system is running 24x7.

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