

Using gnu screen as default login shell

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I'm interested in using gnu screen (<http://www.gnu.org/software/screen/screen.html>) as my default login shell (ie, specifying it in the login shell field of /etc/passwd for my account)

Ideally, I'd like to have a new screen session created each time I login.

I've gone as far as to specify screen as my login shell in /etc/passwd and actually perform a login with a screen session launched. So far, so good.

The problem is when I attempt a second login, screen by default will attach itself to the first login screen session. That's not what I want – I'd prefer separate screen sessions for each login.

There appears to be a possible workaround using a combination of screen command switches (-d -D -r or -R) which might help. However, I cannot (or am not aware of how) specify command arguments via /etc/passwd. And these options don't seem to have equivalents in .screenrc.

I'm using screen v 3.09.09 for Solaris.

Anybody else attempt the same setup and have success?

Thnaks in avdance,

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