

NAME

shells - pathnames of valid login shells

DESCRIPTION

/etc/shells is a text file which contains the full pathnames of valid login shells. This file is consulted by [chsh\(1\)](#) and available to be queried by other programs.

Be aware that there are programs which consult this file to find out if a user is a normal user; for example, FTP daemons traditionally disallow access to users with shells not included in this file.

FILES

/etc/shells

EXAMPLE

/etc/shells may contain the following paths:

/bin/sh

/bin/bash

/bin/csh

SEE ALSO

[chsh\(1\)](#), [getusershell\(3\)](#)

COLOPHON

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