

NAME

`etc-update` – handle configuration file updates

SYNOPSIS

etc-update [*options*] [--*automode* <*mode*>] [*paths to scan*]

DESCRIPTION

`etc-update` is supposed to be run after merging a new package to see if there are updates to the configuration files. If a new configuration file will override an old one, `etc-update` will prompt the user for a decision.

`etc-update` will check all directories specified on the command line. If no paths are given, then the `CONFIG_PROTECT` variable will be used. All config files found in `CONFIG_PROTECT_MASK` will automatically be updated for you by `etc-update`. See **make.conf(5)** for more information.

`etc-update` respects the normal `PORTAGE_CONFIGROOT` and `EROOT` variables for finding the aforementioned config protect variables.

Multiple target distributions are supported, including `portage(5)`, `rpm(1)`, `pacman(1)`, and `dpkg(1)` based systems. Detection of the target package management system is done by inspecting `/etc/os-release`. `ETC_UPDATE_OS_FAMILY` can be used to override this detection.

OPTIONS

-d, --debug

Run with shell tracing enabled.

-h, --help

Surprisingly, show the help output.

-p, --preen

Automerge trivial changes only and quit.

-v, --verbose

Show settings and important decision info while running.

--automode <mode>

Select one of the automatic merge modes. Valid modes are: -3 -5 -7 -9. See the `--help` text for more details.

REPORTING BUGS

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FILES

/etc/etc-update.conf

Configuration settings for `etc-update` are stored here.

SEE ALSO

dispatch-conf(1), **make.conf(5)**