

NAME

profile -- setting up an environment at login time

DESCRIPTION

If a file named `/etc/profile` exists or if your login directory contains a file named `.profile`, the shell commands in both files will be executed (via the shell's `exec .profile`) before your session begins. These files are handy for setting up both common functions to be executed by all users who log on (via `/etc/profile` commands) and commands to be executed on an individual basis (`.profile` commands). The following example is typical (except for the comments):

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: 'Make some environment variables global'
export MAIL PATH TERM
: 'Set file creation mask'
umask 22
: 'Tell me when new mail comes in'
MAIL=/usr/mail/myname
: 'Add my /bin directory to the shell search sequence'
PATH=$PATH:$HOME/bin
: 'Set terminal type'
echo "terminal: \c"
read TERM
case $TERM in
    300)          stty cr2 nl0 tabs; tabs;;
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    450)          stty cr2 nl0 tabs; tabs;;
    hp)          stty cr0 nl0 tabs; tabs;;
    745|735)     stty cr1 nl1 -tabs; TERM=745;;
    43)          stty cr1 nl0 -tabs;;
    4014|tek)    stty cr0 nl0 -tabs ff1; TERM=4014; echo "\33";;
    *)          echo "$TERM unknown";;
esac

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SEE ALSO

env(1), mail(1), sh(1), stty(1), environ(7)

FILES

`/etc/profile`
`$(HOME)/.profile`