

Re: Root users shell == no existant shell /bin/bash

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On Thu, Jul 08, 2004 at 10:29:58AM -0500, Brandon Grace wrote:

> *I made a mistake setting my shell and have set the root users shell to*
> */bin/bash instead of /bin/sh. I am curiuos if anyone knows how to fix this.*
> *The machines is FreeBSD 4.8-RELEASE-p4 and does not have sudo only su.*

Reboot the machine in single-user mode – press Space or anything but Enter at the spinning loader prompt, then type 'boot -s'. After that, mount the rest of the filesystems (if necessary) by 'mount -a', run 'vipw' (or 'chsh -s /bin/sh root' directly) and fix your mistake.

I think this was documented somewhere in the FAQ or the Handbook, but right now I can't find it.

G'luck,
Peter

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If wishes were fishes, the antecedent of this conditional would be true.

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