

FW: Adding OpenBSD sudo to the FreeBSD base system?

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I really do not agree with adding it to the base system.

Just because you guys use sudo does not mean other people do.

In fact many people do not have a use for sudo at all.

Not every one gives out root accounts. You are only adding another utility

In that can possibly be used to escalate privileges.

Every time I secure a system I spend some time removing files that are never

Needed and would not want people to access. So you are saying I would have

to add another one to the list?

Su works just fine for 60% of the people out there! Leave sudo in the ports.

You do not see a bunch of people asking to make apache part of the base

system. Really there is no difference in what you are asking. Just another

program that is not going to get used by everyone.

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Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2005 8:53 AM

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On Thu, Jul 21, 2005 at 10:23:33AM -0500, piechota@argolis.org wrote:

>> *FWIW, I don't see any reason to include sudo in the base system. It's*

>> *something that I install on every computer, but I don't mind building*

>> *the port or installing it from a package. Unlike some of the other*

>> *things I usually want on every system (e.g., emacs), it's small and*

>> *doesn't have any dependencies, so it's not a problem to install it as*

>> *soon as the system is online. That said, I wouldn't object to having*

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> > *it in the base, either.*

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> *I see two reasons for a "nay" vote: If we put everything a group of people
> find useful in the base system, we're going to end up with something like
> Redhat, where there's tons of software the rarely gets used. Secondly,
> some 'customers' have a very dim view of sudo (mostly for bad reasons, but
> they ban it anyways).*

My reasons for why not to have sudo(1) in our base is that:

- It is actively maintained and generally speaking it won't be hard to build/install from ports collection.
- It provides another way of utilizing privileges, and needs careful configuration.
- We do not have a killer application to ease maintenance of the configuration (yet).

The reasons why it can be in our base is that:

- + It is cool because fine grained access to the privilege is possible, and it is the tool that I will want to install on every boxes.
- + It's BSD licensed

So my position would be neutral. Personally I would prefer the following scheme:

- o FreeBSD Base System is what we "must have" in a basic Unix system, including ls, cat, libc, your kernel, etc.
- o A set of pre-built packages included in disc1 provides what most people will want, and is small enough, e.g. sudo, c[vs]up, portaudit, freebsd-update, better development environment or scripting languages, e.g. python, etc. These ports are considered special or security critical, maybe maintained under the src/ tree (or sort of), causing every "make buildworld" with some symbol defined to cover upgrades of them, but also permitting portaudit to check vulnerabilities on these packages.

Of course this scheme would be complex to implement, so just my 0.02 RMB :-)

Cheers,

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