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atd − run jobs queued for later execution

SYNOPSIS

atd [−**l** *load_avg*] [−**b** *batch_interval*] [−**d**] [−**f**] [−**s**]

DESCRIPTION

atd runs jobs queued by **at**(1)**.**

OPTIONS

−l Specifies a limiting load factor, over which batch jobs should not be run, instead of the compile-time choice of 1.5. For an SMP system with *n* CPUs, you will probably want to set this higher than *n−1*.

−b Specify the minimum interval in seconds between the start of two batch jobs (60 default).

−d Debug; print error messages to standard error instead of using **syslog**(3)**.** This option also implies **−f**.

−f Run **atd** in the foreground.

−s Process the at/batch queue only once. This is primarily of use for compatibility with old versions of **at**; **atd −s** is equivalent to the old **atrun** command.

WARNING

atd won't work if its spool directory is mounted via NFS even if *no_root_squash* is set.

FILES

/var/spool/cron/atjobs The directory for storing jobs; this should be mode 700, owner daemon.

/var/spool/cron/atspool The directory for storing output; this should be mode 700, owner daemon.

/etc/at.allow, */etc/at.deny* determine who can use the **at** system.

SEE ALSO

at(1), **at.deny**(5), **at.allow**(5), **cron**(8), **crontab**(1), **syslog**(3).

BUGS

The functionality of **atd** should be merged into **cron**(8)**.**