

**NAME**

shells – pathnames of valid login shells

**DESCRIPTION**

*/etc/shells* is a text file which contains the full pathnames of valid login shells. This file is consulted by **chsh**(1) and available to be queried by other programs.

Be aware that there are programs which consult this file to find out if a user is a normal user; for example, FTP daemons traditionally disallow access to users with shells not included in this file.

**FILES**

*/etc/shells*

**EXAMPLE**

*/etc/shells* may contain the following paths:

*/bin/sh*  
*/bin/bash*  
*/bin/csh*

**SEE ALSO**

**chsh**(1), **getusershell**(3), **pam\_shells**(8)

**COLOPHON**

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