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Setting bash as default shell

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Q. I am using FreeBSD and I would like to setup bash as default shell?

A. CSH is default shell under FreeBSD. First, make sure bash is installed. Type bash to see if you can execute bash:

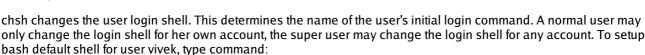
\$ bash

If you get command not found error. Use pkg_add command to install bash

pkg_add -r -v bash

Now to setup bash as shell type chsh command.

chsh -s /path/to/shell {user-name}



\$ which bash

Output:

/usr/local/bin/bash

Now change shell:

\$ chsh -s /usr/local/bin/bash vivek

Output:

Password

Provide your login password. Verify that shell is changed:

\$ grep ^vivek /etc/passwd

You can also edit /etc/passwd file and change shell (you need to login as root user):

vi /etc/passwd

Last filed is shell

From

vivek:x:1000:1000:vivek,,,:/home/vivek:/bin/sh

То

vivek:x:1000:1000:vivek,,,:/home/vivek:/usr/local/bin/bash

Save and close the file.

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