NAME
/etc/updatedb.conf – a configuration file for updatedb(8)

DESCRIPTION
/etc/updatedb.conf is a text file. Blank lines are ignored. A **#** character outside of a quoted string starts a comment extending until end of line.

Other lines must be of the following form:
> *VARIABLE* = **"***VALUE***"**

White space between tokens is ignored. *VARIABLE* is an alphanumeric string which does not start with a digit. *VALUE* can contain any character except for **"**. No escape mechanism is supported within *VALUE* and there is no way to write *VALUE* spanning more than one line.

Unknown *VARIABLE* values are considered an error. The defined variables are:

PRUNEFS
A whitespace-separated list of file system types (as used in **/etc/mtab**) which should not be scanned by **updatedb**(8). The file system type matching is case-insensitive. By default, no file system types are skipped.

When scanning a file system is skipped, all file systems mounted in the subtree are skipped too, even if their type does not match any entry in **PRUNEFS**.

PRUNENAMES
A whitespace-separated list of directory names (without paths) which should not be scanned by **updatedb**(8). By default, no directory names are skipped.

Note that only directories can be specified, and no pattern mechanism (e.g. globbing) is used.

PRUNEPATHS
A whitespace-separated list of path names of directories which should not be scanned by **updatedb**(8). Each path name must be exactly in the form in which the directory would be reported by **locate**(1).

By default, no paths are skipped.

PRUNE_BIND_MOUNTS
One of the strings **0**, **no**, **1** or **yes**. If **PRUNE_BIND_MOUNTS** is **1** or **yes**, bind mounts are not scanned by **updatedb**(8). All file systems mounted in the subtree of a bind mount are skipped as well, even if they are not bind mounts. As an exception, bind mounts of a directory on itself are not skipped.

By default, bind mounts are not skipped.

NOTES
When a directory is matched by **PRUNEFS**, **PRUNENAMES** or **PRUNEPATHS**, **updatedb**(8) does not scan the contents of the directory. The path of the directory itself is, however, entered in the created database. For example, if */tmp* is in **PRUNEPATHS**, **locate**(1) will not show any files stored in */tmp*, but it can show the */tmp* directory. This behavior differs from traditional **locate** implementations.

In some **updatedb**(8) implementations **PRUNEPATHS** can be used to exclude non-directory files. This is

not the case in this implementation.

/etc/updatedb.conf is a shell script in some implementations, which allows much more flexibility in defining the variables. Equivalent functionality can be achieved by using the command-line options to **updatedb**(8).

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SEE ALSO
>   **locate**(1), **updatedb**(8)