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 **updat-
　　　　　　　　edb**(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. Note that Btrfs subvolume mounts are handled internally in the kernel as bind
　　　　　　　　mounts (see **btrfs-subvolume**(8)), and thus, may get skipped if you have also mounted the filesys-
　　　　　　　　tem root itself. To counteract this, make your root directory a Btrfs subvolume, too.

　　　　　　　　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 data-
　　　　base. 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)