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How do I run a background service written in MONO?

I need the service to automatically start upon boot, it does not require console access for a start. Ofcause it would be nice to be a produce some output for logging/debugging/stats. But for now, I just need a "TCP listener" that runs in the background, written in C#/mono.

Anyone in here able to show me how you install a service in Debian?

So this program isnt visible, its just like a "daemon" or cron perhaps. Cant figure out where to put it and how to initiate it.





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cron is a daemon;) - goldilocks ♦ Feb 27 '13 at 17:35
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2 Answers

Create an init.d script to run your application

you can run the mono service in linux OS by using the command mono-service [options] program.exe call this from an init.d sript

Check this man page for more details about running mono service on linux http://linux.die.net /man/1/mono-service

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answered Feb 27 '13 at 9:44



cool will try to check that out - BerggreenDK Feb 27 '13 at 23:15

If you don't want to write a debian style sysv init script (see /etc/init.d/README), you can just append a line to /etc/rc.local , eg:

/full/path/to/myprogram &

The full path is necessary as \$PATH may not be properly set for rc.local when it is run at boot (but it will be for "myprogram").

The & just backgrounds the process, allowing rc.local to continue and exit. "myprogram" is now running *owned by root*. That may be desirable if you want to open a low number privileged (server) port at start-up; for security the process should subsequently switch (effective) user id (euid/uid).

If you don't need root privileges at all:

/bin/su [user] -c /full/path/to/myprogram &

answered Feb 27 '13 at 17:34

goldilocks ♦

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aha! interesting too! going to check tomorrow too. - BerggreenDK Feb 27 '13 at 23:16