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## InitScriptHumanDescriptions

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## Human-Readable Descriptions of init Scripts

Almost all the services started with init scripts in runlevels 2-3-4-5 and rcS.d do not have standard, "human readable" descriptions of their main behaviour. Often, the package description for these services is very cryptic and the common user will not readily understand the meaning. Boot-Up Manager will use this list to display the package description in its main view window.

The aim of this page is to collect as many scripts/services as possible, and give them a simple description together with a unique way to detect whether the service is running (usually, the daemon name). When completed, this list can be embedded in programs such as BUM, enabling them to display a simple and comprehensible text to the user. The **related daemon** column is intended to store the name of the daemon the service runs (if any).

 **Please, feel free to update & expand this page.**

## Localization

 Thanks to its team of translators, Boot-Up Manager will handle the localized descriptions.

<b>Script Name as in /etc/init.d</b>	<b>Current package description</b>	<b>New proposed description text</b>	<b>Related daemon</b>
acct	The GNU Accounting utilities for process and login accounting		
acpid	Utilities for using ACPI power management	Performs intelligent power management of your system	acpid
acpi-support	acpi-support is a collection of useful events for acpi	For laptops, does power management and enables hotkeys	*NONE*
aime	Advanced Interactive Mudding Environment		
alsa	ALSA driver configuration files	Sound Architecture Services	
anacron	A cron-like program that doesn't go by time	Runs system housekeeping chores on specified days.	*NONE*
apache	Versatile, high-performance HTTP server	Apache web server	apache/httpd
apache2	Next generation, scalable, extendable web server	Apache2 web server	apache2/httpd
atd	Delayed job execution and batch processing	Enables scheduling of jobs	atd

apmd	Utilities for Advanced Power Management (APM)	Monitors battery status for some older laptops	apmd
autofs	A kernel-based automounter for Linux	Automounter for Linux	autofs
avgd	AVG Anti-Virus daemon		avgd
bootlogd	Standard scripts needed for booting and shutting down	Saves messages at boot to a log file	bootlogd
capiutils	Utilities for CAPI-capable ISDN cards	Allows ISDN cards to use the CAPI interface	capifaxrecvd
capi4hylafax	Faxing over CAPI2.0 device	Enables faxing with CAPI-enabled ISDN cards	
cron	Management of regular background processing	Runs system housekeeping chores on specified dates/times	
capisuite	Easy fax and voice box solution for ISDN/CAPI capable devices	Answering Machine & Fax for CAPI-enabled ISDN cards	?
cupsys	Common UNIX Printing System™ - server	Manages print jobs	cupsd
dbus-1	Simple interprocess messaging system	Delivers messages between applications	dbus-daemon-1

ddclient	Update dynamic IP address at DynDNS.org and other DNS hosts	Updates your details on DNS hosting providers	ddclient
dgc	Conexant DGC USB modem driver	Linux driver for Conexant USB hardware modem.	dgc
dhcp3-server	DHCP v3 Server	Provides IP addresses to clients via DHCP	dhcpcd3
dictd	Dictionary Server	Dictionary Server	dictd
dirmngr	server for managing certificate revocation lists		
dnetc	*NONE*	distributed.net client computing RC5 and DES projects on unused CPU cycles	
dns-clean	A text menu based utility for configuring ppp	Configures your system for internet access via a ? modem	
evms	Enterprise Volume Management System (core)	Hard Disk Volume Management	*NONE*
exim4	support files for all exim MTA (v4) packages		
fam	File Alteration Monitor	Detects changes in files/directories	famd
fetchmail	SSL enabled POP3, APOP, IMAP mail	Mail retrieval and forwarding utility	fetchmail

	gatherer/forwarder		
festival	general multi-lingual speech synthesis system		
firestarter	Firestarter is a complete firewall tool for Linux machines.		iptables
firewall	script to start/stop IpTables Firewall		iptables
fnfxd	An ACPI and hotkey daemon for Toshiba laptops	Power and special key management for Toshiba laptops	
gdm	GNOME Display Manager	Gnome Display Manager	gdm
gnunet	Secure, trust-based peer-to-peer framework		
gpsd	GPS (Global Positioning System) service daemon		
hdparm	Tune hard disk parameters for high performance	Tunes hard disk parameters for high performance	*NONE*
hddtemp	Utility to monitor the temperature of your hard drive	Monitors the temperature of your hard drive	
heartbeat	Subsystem for High-Availability	High-Availability Linux, used in failover and	

	Linux	recovery scenarios	
hotplug	Linux Hotplug Scripts	Detects new devices when plugged in	Check /proc/sys/kernel/hotplug
hpoj	HP OfficeJet Linux driver (hpoj)	HP OfficeJet Linux driver	ptal-printd
hsf	Conexant HSF softmodem	Conexant HSF softmodem	hsfdcpd
hylafax	Flexible client/server fax software - server daemons	Supports the sending and receiving of facsimiles	hfaxd
ifupdown-clean	High level tools to configure network interfaces	Tools to configure network services	*NONE*
inetd	The Internet Superserver	Manager for incoming Internet connections	inetd
inn2	'InterNetNews' news server		
kdm	KDE Display Manager	Login manager for KDE	kdm
keytouch-init.sh	*NONE*		
klogd	Kernel Logging Daemon	Logs important system events	klogd
laptop-mode	Userland scripts to control "laptop mode"	Automatically enables laptop mode when computer is running on batteries	*NONE*

libdevmapper1.00	The Linux Kernel Device Mapper userspace library		
lirc	Linux Infra-red Remote Control support		
lpd	BSD lpr/lpd line print spooling system		
lvm	The Logical Volume Manager for Linux (common files)	Handles physical hard disk volumes in logical groups	?
makedev	Creates device files in /dev	Creates special files to interact with hardware	*NONE*
mdadm	Manage MD devices aka Linux Software Raid	Manages multiple disk devices for fault- tolerance	mdadm
module-init-tools	tools for managing Linux kernel modules		
modutils	Linux module utilities		
mpd	Music Player Daemon	Allows remote access for playing music	mpd
mysql	mysql database server binaries	Fast and stable SQL database server	mysqld
mysqld-ib	Infobright combines a column-oriented database with our	Infobright SQL database server	mysqld

	Knowledge Grid architecture to deliver a self-managing data warehouse optimized for analytics.			
mysql-nbd	mysql database server binaries	Fast and stable SQL database server	mysqld	
mysql-nbd-mgm	mysql database server binaries	Fast and stable SQL database server	mysqld	
netapplet	User-friendly network interface control applet	Monitors and displays network activity		
networking	Basic TCP/IP networking system	Manages your internet connection	*NONE*	
nfs-common	NFS support files common to client and server	NFS support files common to client and server	nfs-common	
ntpdate	The ntpdate client for setting system time from NTP servers	Updates the system's clock over the internet servers		
nvidia-glx	NVIDIA binary XFree86 4.x/X.Org driver	NVIDIA video card management	*NONE*	
pcmcia	PCMCIA Card Services for Linux	Manages the insertion/removal of Laptop cards	cardmgr	
postfix	A high-performance mail transport agent	High performance Mail Server	master	



powernowd	Control CPU speed and voltage using 2.6 kernel interface	Controls CPU speed and voltage to save power	powernowd
ppp	Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP) daemon	Manages internet access via a modem	pppd
readahead	Read files into the page cache	Speeds up boot by starting operations early	
rsync	Fast remote file copy program (like rcp)	Fast remote file copy program	rsyncd
samba	A LAN-Manager-like file and printer server for Unix	Shares files among computers on a local network	smbd
schoolbell	A web-based calendaring server		
schooltool	A common platform for school administration		
schroot	Execute commands in a chroot environment		
screen-cleanup	A terminal multiplexor with VT100/ANSI terminal emulation		
sl-modem-daemon	SmartLink software modem daemon	SmartLink modem management	slmodemd

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