

**NAME**

**intro** - introduction to system maintenance procedures and commands

**DESCRIPTION**

This section contains information related to system operation and maintenance.

It describes commands used to create new file systems (`newfs(8)`), verify the integrity of the file systems (`fsck(8)`), control disk usage (`edquota(8)`), maintain system backups (`dump(8)`), and recover files when disks die an untimely death (`restore(8)`). Network related services like `inetd(8)` and `ftpd(8)` are also described.

All commands set an exit status. Its value may be tested to see if the command completed normally. Unless otherwise noted (rare), the value 0 signifies successful completion of the command, while a value >0 indicates an error. Some commands attempt to describe the nature of the failure by using error codes defined in `sysexits(3)`, or set the status to arbitrary values >0 (typically 1), but many such values are not described in the manual.

A number of pages in this section describe general system management topics.

For example, the `boot(8)` manual page describes the system bootstrapping procedures, and the `diskless(8)` manual page describes how to boot a system over a network. The `crash(8)` manual page should be consulted to understand how to interpret system crash dumps.

**HISTORY**

The **intro** section manual page appeared in 4.2BSD.