NAME

motd - file containing message(s) of the day

DESCRIPTION

The file */var/run/motd* is normally displayed by login(1) after a user has logged in but before the shell is run. It is generally used for important system-wide announcements. During system startup, a line containing the kernel version string is prepended to */etc/motd.template* and the contents are written to */var/run/motd*.

/var/run/motd can be updated without a system reboot by manually restarting the motd service after updating */etc/motd.template*:

        service motd restart

Individual users may suppress the display of this file by creating a file named ".*hushlogin*" in their home directories or through login.conf(5).

FILES

/etc/motd.template   The template file that system administrators can edit.
/var/run/motd   The message of the day.
$HOME/.hushlogin Suppresses output of */var/run/motd*.

EXAMPLES

FreeBSD 12.1-RELEASE (GENERIC) #0: Sun Dec 29 03:08:31 PST 2019

/home is full. Please cleanup your directories.

SEE ALSO

login(1), login.conf(5)

HISTORY

Prior to FreeBSD 13.0, **motd** lived in */etc*.