

NAME

checkgroups – update group descriptions

SYNOPSIS

checkgroups *checkgroupsfile*

DESCRIPTION

Leafnode is a USENET package intended for small sites, where there are few users and little disk space, but where a large number of groups is desired.

Checkgroups is the program which parses checkgroup scripts to include new/updated group descriptions into the active file (which is usually **/opt/ln1/var/spool/news/leaf.node/groupinfo**).

Checkgroups sets its real and effective uid to "news".

OPTIONS

checkgroupsfile

is a file which contains the newsgroup name and the description on one line, separated by whitespace. Checkgroups scripts are sometimes sent out by news administrators (e.g. in the bionet.* hierarchy).

ENVIRONMENT**LN_LOCK_TIMEOUT**

This variable is parsed as an unsigned integer value and determines how many seconds checkgroups will wait when trying to obtain the lock file from another leafnode program. 0 means to wait indefinitely. This variable takes precedence over the configuration file.

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SEE ALSO

leafnode(8), **texpire(8)**, **RFC 977**.