



Linux Ubuntu 26.04 Manual Pages on command 'finalrd.1'

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NAME

finalrd - final runtime directory generator for shutdown

SYNOPSIS

systemctl enable --now finalrd.service

HOOKS DIRECTORIES

/usr/share/finalrd/*.finalrd

/etc/finalrd/*.finalrd

/run/finalrd/*.finalrd

HOOKS INTERFACE

foo.finalrd setup

foo.finalrd halt|poweroff|reboot|kexec

DESCRIPTION

finalrd generates a shutdown directory /run/initramfs which systemd-shutdown pivots to during shutdown. There system shutdown can be finalised and arbitrary hooks can be executed off-root, to safely cleanup rootfs and perform any other shutdown tasks.

be clean, and stop them. If one is using iscsiroot, it maybe needed to perform iscsi logout on shutdown.

Typically, one would not run finalrd directly, but instead activate finalrd.service. This would execute finalrd generator late in the shutdown cycle, just in time for pivot.

HOOKLESS OPERATION

If initramfs-tools is not available, and thus copy_exec is not available, hooks will not be executed or copied into the shutdown directory. However, shutdown dir will still be created to ensure init has somewhere to pivot, and attempt a cleaner shutdown without holding up the root filesystem.

For example, Ubuntu Core is such system.

HOOKS INTERFACE DESCRIPTION

*.finalrd hooks can be shipped in /usr, /etc, /run. These directories are for distribution, sysadmin, and transient hooks respectively.

They are multi-purpose binaries with action passed as the first argument.

During setup stage, hooks are executed from the rootfs with one argument setup passed as the first arg. All hooks are executed in all the directories in order, first everything in /usr, then from /etc, then from /run. Environmental variables DESTDIR and DESTROOTDIR are set pointing at the finalrd location. This is done for convenience to use initramfs-tools's copy_exec function or dracut-install, for copying binaries.

During shutdown stage, hooks are executed from finalrd in parallel with one argument passed to them. The argument is one of halt, poweroff, reboot, kexec.

Note if there are identically named hooks in multiple configuration directories, all of them will be executed during setup stage. But only the last one will be copied into the finalrd and executed during the shutdown stage.

SEE ALSO

The initrd Interface of systemd

<<https://www.freedesktop.org/wiki/Software/systemd/InitrdInterface>>

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