

NAME

`service` – run a System V init script

SYNOPSIS

`service` *SCRIPT COMMAND* [*OPTIONS*]

`service --status-all`

`service --help | -h | --version`

DESCRIPTION

`service` runs a System V init script or systemd unit in as predictable an environment as possible, removing most environment variables and with the current working directory set to `/`.

The *SCRIPT* parameter specifies a System V init script, located in `/etc/init.d/SCRIPT`, or the name of a systemd unit. The existence of a systemd unit of the same name as a script in `/etc/init.d` will cause the unit to take precedence over the init.d script. The supported values of *COMMAND* depend on the invoked script. `service` passes *COMMAND* and *OPTIONS* to the init script unmodified. For systemd units, start, stop, status, and reload are passed through to their `systemctl/initctl` equivalents.

All scripts should support at least the **start** and **stop** commands. As a special case, if *COMMAND* is `--full-restart`, the script is run twice, first with the **stop** command, then with the **start** command. Note, that unlike `update-rc.d(8)`, `service` does not check `/usr/sbin/policy-rc.d`.

`service --status-all` runs all init scripts, in alphabetical order, with the **status** command. The status is `[+]` for running services, `[-]` for stopped services and `[?]` for services without a **status** command. This option only calls status for sysvinit jobs.

EXIT CODES

`service` calls the init script and returns the status returned by it.

FILES

`/etc/init.d`

The directory containing System V init scripts.

`{lib,run,etc}/systemd/system`

The directories containing systemd units.

ENVIRONMENT

LANG, **LANGUAGE**, **LC_CTYPE**, **LC_NUMERIC**, **LC_TIME**, **LC_COLLATE**, **LC_MONETARY**, **LC_MESSAGES**, **LC_PAPER**, **LC_NAME**, **LC_ADDRESS**, **LC_TELEPHONE**, **LC_MEASUREMENT**, **LC_IDENTIFICATION**, **LC_ALL**, **TERM**, **PATH**

The only environment variables passed to the init scripts.

SEE ALSO

`/etc/init.d/skeleton`

`update-rc.d(8)`

`init(8)`

`invoke-rc.d(8)`

`systemctl(1)`

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