

**NAME**

user-dirs.defaults – default settings for XDG user dirs

**DESCRIPTION**

The `/etc/xdg/user-dirs.defaults` file is a text file that contains the default values for the XDG user dirs which are used by the `xdg-user-dirs-update` command.

This file contains lines of the form

*NAME=VALUE*

The following names are recognised:

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The values are relative pathnames from the home directory and will be translated on a per-path-element basis into the users locale.

Lines beginning with a `#` character are ignored.

**ENVIRONMENT****XDG\_CONFIG\_DIRS**

The `user-dirs.defaults` file is located in this directory. The default is `/etc/xdg`.

**SEE ALSO**

**xdg-user-dirs-update(1)**