

FreeBSD Administration - Feature #743

Using Find and Rename to Make Backups of Files on FreeBSD

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Description

I recently needed to edit multiple files and wanted to have backups of the originals. To accomplish this task I found the rename tool that works great.

- Make sure the system is up to date:

```
sudo pkg update && sudo pkg upgrade
```

- Install rename:

```
pkg install rename
```

- Use rename and a regex substitution to add the .bak extension to the matched .db files:

```
find /path/to/search -type f -name "*.db" -exec rename -s 's/.db$/ .db.bak/g' {} \;
```

Resources

- <http://superuser.com/questions/25378/mass-renaming-nix-version>

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