FreeBSD Administration - Bug #392

Sed -i Not Working on FreeBSD

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Description

While doing some common administration with the sed command line tool on FreeBSD, I found that the normal sed command would not work:

```
sed -i 's/changing/changed/g' /path/to/files/*
```

- I found a workaround on the FreeBSD forums that suggested the syntax should look more like the following:

```
find . -type f -exec sed -i "" 's/changing/changed/g' {} \;
```

- To use sed on a single file:

```
sed -i '' -e 's/replace/textreplace/g' /path/to/file.txt
```

Resources

- https://forums.freebsd.org/viewtopic.php?&t=12235

History

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