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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 in as predictable environment as

  possible, removing most environment variables and with current working

  directory set to /.

  The SCRIPT parameter specifies a System V init script, located in

  /etc/init.d/SCRIPT. The supported values of COMMAND depend on the in?

  voked script, service passes COMMAND and OPTIONS it to the init script

  unmodified. 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.

  service --status-all runs all init scripts, in alphabetical order, with

  the status command.

  If the init script file does not exist, the script tries to use legacy

  actions. If there is no suitable legacy action found and COMMAND is

  one of actions specified in LSB Core Specification, input is redirected

  to the systemctl. Otherwise the command fails with return code 2.

FILES

/etc/init.d

The directory containing System V init scripts.

ENVIRONMENT

PATH, TERM

The only environment variables passed to the init scripts.

SEE ALSO

chkconfig(8), ntsysv(8), systemd(1), systemctl(8), systemd.service(5)

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