

What Is Wrong With Systemd?

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What's wrong with systemd? Lots! Frankly the design is appallingly bad.

To quote from a recent post on [Slashdot](#) post:

It abstracts services to the point you can't find them.

It breaks existing sysv startup/shutdown scripts for commercial software. (The reply from vendors of commercial software is pretty unison: We don't support systems with systemd)

It assumes start and stop are always oneliners, so you end up writing startup/shutdown scripts anyhow cause systemd isn't good enough.

It breaks standard runlevels.

It uses the old MSDOS .ini file format, which is severely sysadmin-unfriendly (grep doesn't understand MSDOS [section]s, for example). ... and quite a lot more.

In short, it was clearly written by someone who didn't come from a Unix background. ... or, just try "systemctl -a | cat"[*], and compare that to "chkconfig" and "rc-update show".

The fact that systemd was approved for inclusion in Fedora before it was even half baked shows how broken the Fedora development process has now become.