ups - Feature #9662

envPrepend and friends to recognize and/or deal appropriately with MANPATH-like variables

07/17/2015 01:27 PM - Christopher Green

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Description

MANPATH and other variables such as TEXINPUTS allow the specification of priority relative to the system paths by the addition of an extra leading, trailing or embedded colon. Is there some way that envPrepend and friends could be made to deal with this either automatically or (via an appropriate option) manually? It is currently very difficult to set MANPATH appropriately from within a UPS table file in a way that can deal with all possible forms of an existing MANPATH (or not) without possibly losing access to system paths.

History

#1 - 07/17/2015 02:28 PM - Marc Mengel

... and PathPrepend does not do what you want? I've usually found

EnvSetIfNotSet(MANPATH,:)
PathPrepend(MANPATH, ${UPS_PROD_DIR}/man)

to work pretty reliably...

#2 - 07/17/2015 04:52 PM - Lynn Garren

Thanks Marc. We'll give that a try.

#3 - 07/17/2015 05:26 PM - Christopher Green

Looks like that's a reasonable thing to do, and it works for git based on my tests. Is there a particular reason we don't do this for catman and man in the UPS package itself?

Lynn, there are quite a few products we can do this for -- we should update ssi-build directories where appropriate: see find /products -type d -name man.

#4 - 04/25/2017 04:59 PM - Marc Mengel

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