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Subject: Re: [PATCH 2/5][GFS2] Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks  
Posted by [akpm](#) on Wed, 19 Sep 2007 23:50:54 GMT

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On Mon, 17 Sep 2007 11:52:08 +0400  
Pavel Emelyanov <xemul@openvz.org> wrote:

> Subject: [PATCH 2/5][GFS2] Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks  
> Subject: [PATCH 3/5][9PFS] Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks  
> Subject: [PATCH 4/5][AFS] Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks  
> Subject: [PATCH 5/5][NFS] Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks

Boring administrivial note: all these patches effectively had the same title. Because the text in "[ ]" is considered to be something which should be discarded when the patch is applied.

This convention is useful because things like sequence numbering, kernel version information, etc are only relevant when you sent the patch and are not relevant when the patches hit the git tree.

Bottom line: please do include the subsystem ideitification as you have tried to do, but please do not place it inside "[ ]".

As described in the very fine  
<http://www.zip.com.au/~akpm/linux/patches/stuff/tpp.txt>, better  
Subject:s here would have been

Subject: [PATCH 2/5] GFS2: Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks  
Subject: [PATCH 3/5] 9PFS: Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks  
Subject: [PATCH 4/5] AFS: Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks  
Subject: [PATCH 5/5] NFS: Cleanup explicit check for mandatory locks

Extreme trivia: I don't consider a colon to terminate a sentence, so if I can be bothered I'll convert "Cleanup" there to "cleanup". And I don't consider "cleanup" to be a word, so it becomes "clean up". And I'll usually remvoe the final "." from the end of the subject because it's basically just a waste of space.

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