

# Extended file attributes on Linux

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- Meta-data
- Used for: ACLs, file indexing (Beagle)
- `getfattr(1)`, `setfattr(1)`, `attr(5)`
- Not enabled by default:
  - `mount -o remount,user_xattr /home`
  - `[rich@katrina ~] $ grep user_xattr /etc/fstab`  
`LABEL=/home /home ext3 defaults,user_xattr 1 2`
- Upcoming `File::ExtAttr` module with Kevin Goess <<http://sourceforge.net/projects/file-extattr/>>
- <<http://rofi.pinchito.com/eiciel/>>, <<http://www.beaglewiki.org/>>