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### **DTrace in Leopard blinded by proc flag**

Adam Leventhal made an interesting observation while using Dtrace on Mac OS X and wrote about his findings in "Mac OS X and the missing probes". According to this articles, Apple do not allow the dtrace-ing of all processes. Whenever a process has the flag "P\_LNOATTACH" you can't look into it with dtrace.

Perhaps, they are in fear of disabling or examination of certain DRM functions for example. It leaves a very bad aftertaste. But as Darran Moffat wrote in the comments: "Now we just need a port of mdb so that the proc flags can be changed ."

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp in Apple, English at 20:15