
Subject: Re: Windows ProgramData directory
Posted by [fudadmin](#) on Tue, 06 Dec 2022 00:11:56 GMT
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Some ideas:

Quote:

If you want to strictly follow the FHS, then `/var/opt/<appname>` for the data of apps installed in `/opt` is the right place to go. Stuff installed in `/usr/local` typically just used `/var/lib/<appname>`.

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The difference between `/var/opt` and `/var/lib` (or similarly between `/opt` and `/lib`) is usually whether any particular package comes from the standard OS repository or manually downloaded and installed/compiled by the administrator. Again usually what ends up in `opt` folders is purchased non-free programs and 3rd party software not installed by the OS package manager. Those programs and software usually have their own way of self-management, e.g. satisfying library dependencies, un-installation, etc.

from : <https://serverfault.com/questions/262006/var-opt-vs-var-lib>

Regards, Aris
