MacPorts Tips

I've been using MacPorts for several years to provide several command line packages that I also use on Linux systems. But often times when I go to use these, I encounter a couple of issues. Here's how I'm currently resolving these two issues.

I often can't find the MacPorts package in my path

My solution: Update the default PATH environmental variable on my mac.

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sudo vi /etc/paths

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/opt/local/bin
/usr/local/bin
/usr/bin
/bin
/opt/local/sbin
/usr/sbin
/sbin
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The MacPorts packages currently installed are out of date

My solution: Setup a CRON for root to upgrade and clean my MacPorts install.

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sudo crontab -e

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# UPDATE MAC PORTS - https://guide.macports.org/chunked/using.common-tasks.html
15 10 * * 2,5 ( /opt/local/bin/port selfupdate; /opt/local/bin/port upgrade outdated; /opt/local/bin/port
uninstall inactive; /opt/local/bin/port uninstall leaves; /opt/local/bin/port uninstall obsolete )
#-----------------------------------------------
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