

Re: How to Move from 1 drive to another?

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On Sat, Jul 31, 2004 at 04:30:35PM +1000, Jonathan Wheelhouse wrote:

> *Hi*
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> *I am running Debian unstable on a 30GB drive (IBM Deskstar 75gxp)*
> *using ext3. I recently bought a 120GB drive (Western Digital WD1200).*
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> *The family have 5 accounts.*
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> *What I would like to do is to make the 120GB drive the main one (using*
> *ReiserFS) and use the 30GB drive for data.*
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> *So, the plan is to install (via the sid installer) Debian on the 120GB*
> *drive. I know*
> *- to install the current packages I've got I can*
> *install them via dpkg --get-selections/--set-selections*
> *- use /etc/* file as configuration for new drive*
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> *My question is - what is the easiest/best way of copying/moving all*
> *the accounts and their data across? Do I simply have to recreate the*
> *users on the new drive and then copy across their home drives? Or can*
> *I just rely on everything being set up OK if I just copy across*
> */etc/passwd and /etc/group.*

I would boot a Linux Live CD like knoppix, partition and format the new drive, copy everything from the old drive to the new one, chroot into the "new" system, install a boot loader, reboot and be happy.

That is a lot easier then installation from scratch and you can keep everything installed and configured so far.

HTH

Sven

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It ain't so bad bein' alone if you know it'll never last
nothing lasts forever
'cept the certainly of change and love's the same
It's a game with simple rules
If you think it's forever then you're nothing but a fool
[Venerea - Love Is A Battlefield Of Wounded Hearts]

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