

## Re: /etc writeable [was: etc writeable blah]

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On Mon, 20 Dec 2004, William Ballard wrote:

> > *most everything under /var/log /var/spool /var/run /var/tmp*

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> *My bad. I should have said "what other files in /etc*

think you did say /etc ... but i added the other junk about /var  
and gazillion other places

> *need to be writeable."*

not many files if you get rid of /var

> *BootCD already cleans /var and /tmp and*

> *they use < 200K of the ramfile at boot.*

200K is nice and small..

1.2MB floppy or less is the smallest boot i've seen  
that blows up into a 8MB system running in /dev/ram or /dev/loop

> *BTW, I ran "find /etc -mmin -10" and got:*

> *mtab*

mtab is not needed ... it'd still mount afaik

mount -n ....

>, *motd,*

if space and mem is an issue, motd is bells & whistles  
for gigb-byte sized installs

> *network/, network/ifstate*

i dont use dhcp, but if its config'd for dhcp,  
does the system write to /etc or just use it in memory ?

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> *I also added fstab and hostname as these will be*  
> *convenient to edit.*

fstab is read only  
hostname is read only unless you allow dhcp to overwrite it  
every time

c ya  
alvin

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