

Re: GRUB woes (install to hde)

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To: debian-user@lists.debian.org

Alvin Oga wrote:

> *hi ya mike*

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> *On Fri, 30 Sep 2005, Mike McCarty wrote:*

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>>> *dd if=/dev/hda of=/dev/hde bs=446 count=1*

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>> *This works if /dev/hda is the exact same size and partitioning*

>> *as /dev/hde.*

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> *nah.... it leaves the br alone*

Umm, yes it leave the BRs alone. But the BRs don't contain the PT. It does clobber the MBR, but does not (*) clobber the PT portion of the MBR.

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>> *system, or somebody? Otherwise, I'd fear possibly clobbering the*

>> *PT information*

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> *if that's the case:*

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> *fdisk -l /dev/hda*

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> *save the start and end cylinders and partition type info*

> *on a piece of paper taped to your disk*

I prefer to use sfdisk, since it can be instructed to produce output it can use as input later to recreate the PT.

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> *- by default, all "good" admins already do that to begin*

> *with ...*

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Natch.

(*) At least, it shouldn't. I tried it with a floppy and it left the last several bytes as they were on the floppy. It *should* work the same on a hd. YMMV

Mike

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p="p=%c%s%c;main(){printf(p,34,p,34);}";main(){printf(p,34,p,34);}  
This message made from 100% recycled bits.  
You have found the bank of Larn.  
I can explain it for you, but I can't understand it for you.  
I speak only for myself, and I am unanimous in that!  
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