

## Re: How often should I fsck my ext3 partition?

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Ali Milis wrote:

Johannes Wiedersich wrote:

The debian default of my sarge installations is that the ext3-FS are fsck'ed about every 30 mounts or 180 days (whatever comes first).

This is just my Euro 0.01 opinion:

180 days is reasonable for new disks.  
Perhaps you would like to lower it when your disk goes old.

Did you know "SmartMontTools"?

regards,

A related question is how to do it without taking the machine down uncleanly or fiddling an arcane file somewhere. I've thought about perhaps doing...

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$ mount -o remount -o ro /dev/hda5
$ fsck /dev/hda5
$ mount -o remount -o rw /dev/hda5
```

(I have /dev/hda5 mounted as / on my machine.) Is there any exposure in this? I'm pretty leery of running fsck on a r/w file system.

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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