

Re: fstab problem

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Deephay wrote:

Greetings all,

I have a problem with my /etc/fstab and the system cannot boot.

I copied a fstab file from another machine, but I forgot that the file system of the root volume on that machine is ext3 but the one I have is XFS, so the system cannot boot anymore.

Luckily I have a LiveCD and I boot the LiveCD system and change the fstab:

```
# <file system> <mount point> <type> <options> <dump> <pass>
proc /proc proc defaults 0 0
/dev/hda3 / xfs defaults,errors=remount-ro
0 1
/dev/hda8 /boot ext3 defaults 0 0
/dev/hda9 none swap sw 0 0
/dev/hdc /media/cdrom0 iso9660 ro,user,noauto 0 0
```

but the system can only boot to runlevel 2, and the message said that the '/' is not mounted yet (wrong option).

So, how can I write a correct fstab?

Mount / from the command line. For example:

```
# mount -v -t ext3 /dev/hda3 /mnt/dev/hda3
```

(Or whatever LiveCD calls that mountpoint.)

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Is "common sense" really valid?

For example, it is "common sense" to white-power racists that

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whites are superior to blacks, and that those with brown skins
are mud people.

However, that "common sense" is obviously wrong.

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