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While trying to install acroread from debian-multimedia, I got the above error with the suggestion to try again with the `-f` option. The result of that is:

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aretha:/home/gt# apt-get -f install
Reading package lists... Done
Building dependency tree
Reading state information... Done
Correcting dependencies... Done
The following packages were automatically installed and are no longer
required:
python2.4 python2.4-minimal
Use 'apt-get autoremove' to remove them.
The following extra packages will be installed:
ia32-libs-gtk
The following NEW packages will be installed:
ia32-libs-gtk
0 upgraded, 1 newly installed, 0 to remove and 52 not upgraded.
12 not fully installed or removed.
Need to get 12.2MB of archives.
After this operation, 30.3MB of additional disk space will be used.
Do you want to continue [Y/n]?
Get:1 ftp://ftp.us.debian.org lenny/main ia32-libs-gtk 2.5 [12.2MB]
Fetched 12.2MB in 35s
(346kB/s)
(Reading database ... 85648 files and directories currently installed.)
Unpacking ia32-libs-gtk (from .../ia32-libs-gtk_2.5_amd64.deb) ...
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(--unpack):
failed in buffer_write(fd) (10, ret=-1): backend dpkg-deb during
`./emul/ia32-linux/usr/lib/libQtCore.so.4.4.0': No space left on device
dpkg-deb: subprocess paste killed by signal (Broken pipe)
Errors were encountered while processing:
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E: Sub-process /usr/bin/dpkg returned an error code (1)
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If the "No space left on device" means what I think it does, I'm confused. This is a new install with lots of room on the disk. 2.1GB used in /usr, and 407MB in /var

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aretha:/home/gt# fdisk -l

Disk /dev/sda: 320.0 GB, 320072933376 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 38913 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 16065 * 512 = 8225280 bytes
Disk identifier: 0x20000000

Device Boot Start End Blocks Id System
/dev/sda1 * 1 31 248976 83 Linux
/dev/sda2 32 274 1951897+ 82 Linux swap /
Solaris
/dev/sda3 275 1490 9767520 83 Linux
/dev/sda4 1491 37477 289065577+ 5 Extended
/dev/sda5 1491 2706 9767488+ 83 Linux
/dev/sda6 2707 6353 29294496 83 Linux
/dev/sda7 6354 37477 250003498+ 83 Linux

aretha:/home/gt# cat /etc/fstab
/etc/fstab: static file system information.

<file system> <mount point> <type> <options> <dump> <pass>
proc /proc proc defaults 0 0
/dev/sda1 / ext3 errors=remount-ro 0 1
/dev/sda7 /home ext3 defaults 0 2
/dev/sda6 /opt ext3 defaults 0 2
/dev/sda3 /usr ext3 defaults 0 2
/dev/sda5 /var ext3 defaults 0 2
/dev/sda2 none swap sw 0 0
/dev/scd0 /media/cdrom0 udf,iso9660 user,noauto 0 0

The question is how do I clean up the mess? Right now, I'm unable to remove or install anything (apt) as any attempt recalls this error. I'm not averse to simply re-installing the dist, but would rather know how I got into the mess in the first place, and what to do about it.

thanks,

gary

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Anyone can make a usable web site. It takes a graphic designer to make it slow, confusing and painful to use.

begin:vcard

fn:Gary Turner

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org:Gary Turner, Web Developer

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title:Czar

x-mozilla-html:FALSE

url:<http://gtwebdev.com/>

version:2.1

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