

Re: DD not working

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<snip>

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[root@k5di ~]# mount -t ext2 /dev/sdb5 /mnt
mount: /dev/sdb5 already mounted or /mnt busy
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The last 2 lines say that /dev/sdb5 is mounted to this Old Hard Drive somehow.

<snip>

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No, the last two lines is telling you that either

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/dev/sdb5 is already mounted
OR
the mount point /mnt is busy
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Which is not to be confused with meaning something is already mounted there. You can mount something on top of a currently mounted device (and repeat if you wish). You will not see the underlying mounted device mounted at that mount point until after you unmount the last mounted device (and continue unmounting in reverse order everything mounted at that mount point). So if the second scenario is applicable then something else is going on causing /mnt to be busy hence refusing to mount /dev/sdb5 at that mount point.

As was suggested, type mount with no other options to see what is mounted (keeping it simple – there is a caveat that most likely does not apply so I won't go there and further confuse things).

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