

# Re: DD Rules

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Karl Larsen wrote:

If you want to copy something big from one partition to another the old dd method is for you. You have to do it right. This means that:

1. The destination partition **MUST** be at least a byte larger than the source partition where the data is coming from. This is essential!

It must be at least exactly the same size. Why should it be a byte larger?

6. Always run dd in the source computer.

I'm not sure what other computer you'd run it on. Do you mean over a network? Or possibly you mean the system you have mounted as /, in which case see 9.

9. When using dd to clone a partition have both the source and destinations unmounted or at least mounted read only.

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