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Mikkel L. Ellertson wrote:

dd should not use lots of CPU time. The bottleneck is disk access speed. Depending on the drivers used, and some tweaking, the system may be spending a lot of time in the disk driver routines doing basically nothing.

CPU use will depend on your disk controller. IDE controllers have a lot of CPU overhead for seeks/positioning even if DMA is used for the data transfer – that's why people still use SCSI for busy servers.

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