

Re: Alias for pen drives

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Somebody in the thread at some point said:

On 9/30/07, Andrea Mastellone <andrea.mastellone@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

The alias '/dev/dvd' is for dvd. What is the alias for pen drives?

It depends on the label on the filesystem of the pen. Usually, you will find it mounted in /media directory. In my case, it is /media/disk.

Thanks, Andrea. Precisely, I am looking for a label that does not depend on the filesystem, likewise '/dev/dvd'. If I insert my pen drive and run the command 'df -h', I can see that '/dev/sdd1' corresponds to the pen drive. However, this label ('dev/sdd1') depends on the filesystem.

Not quite... that is not a label, but the device node for the drive and partitions. These are assigned to be the "next free one", so if you inserted a USB stick and it was given /dev/sdd, if you insert a second stick without removing the first it will be given /dev/sde. So there is no "sticky" association between a particular USB drive and the device (/dev/sdd, /dev/sde, etc) it gets given, nor are the contents of the filesystem(s) on the partition(s) examined at that point.

Separately, there is support for automounting inserted filesystems like Andrea and Matthew said. At that point it goes and looks if there is a label associated with the filesystem and if there is, uses it to define the mountpoint name under /media.

–Andy

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