

Re: How to Migrate to a new PC

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On Wed, 2007-11-21 at 16:43 -0500, Gerry Doris wrote:

I have a working FC6 system that is running on an old tired PC. The FC6 install has several non Fedora applications running on it and the standard applications have the normal modifications. I now want to move to a new faster PC.

I loaded FC8 on the new PC and it worked without a problem so I know the new PC works with FC8. I've configured the new PC hard drive with the same partitions as my FC6 PC. However, the drives are much bigger on the new PC and are named differently. For example, the old box has an hda and hdd but no hdb or hdc for some reason?

hda = primary ATA controller, master drive
hdb = primary ATA controller, slave drive
hdc = secondary ATA controller, master drive
hdd = secondary ATA controller, slave drive

new computer unlikely to have ATA drives...most are now SATA, new hardware, new designations.

F8 requires 'labels' on filesystems
F8 uses sda/sdb/sdc, etc. even for ATA controller connected drives

I really don't want to do a fresh install, load and then configure the applications from scratch. Ideally, I'd like to copy the FC6 system to the new PC and then upgrade it to FC8. I know it won't be clean but I've upgraded in the past and understand the process. I'd also rather do the upgrade to FC8 on the new PC for a number of reasons.

probably really complicating things...better to have a clean install, copy files that you need or even easier, create a new directory, i.e. /home/old-system and copy contents of old hard drives there and get what you need, when you need it

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What is the best way to do this? Can I copy over the contents of the partitions and then try and modify the key files so it will boot? I'd have to change grub.conf and fstab but what else would need to be modified. If I can get the system to boot I'm confident I can make the other necessary changes .

clean install suggestion is the best way to do this.

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