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zhu blue:

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Disk /dev/sdb: 160.0 GB, 160041885696 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 19457 cylinders
Units = cylinders of 16065 * 512 = 8225280 bytes
Disk identifier: 0xe2c5e2d5
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Device Boot Start End Blocks Id System
/dev/sdb1 1 19457 156288321 83 Linux
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Tim:

To make use of a drive, you partition it (even if that means using the whole drive as one partition), fdisk is one tool that you can use. A quick glance at the above looks like you've done that okay.

Mikkel L. Ellertson:

It looks like the drive is already one big partition with an ext3 file system on it, but it is only shown as being 9.2G. It almost looks like the partition was resized but the file system wasn't. If it didn't already have 5.3G of data on it, it would be tempting to delete and recreate the file system.

I was never too good at figuring out fdisk block counts, but I thought:

156288321 blocks times 512 byte blocks times two (to make it kilobytes) gave 160,039,240,704 kilobytes (approx 160 GB).

How is it supposed to be worked out?

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(This computer runs FC7, my others run FC4, FC5 & FC6, in case that's important to the thread.)

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