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Yes, you are right about the standard install and the BIOS drives remaps!

I tried configuring GRUB in the MBR of the external disk, and the procedure described in the referred paper failed at the last point, ie. the kernel output a lot of errors and failed to boot...

Thanks for your comments!

Regards,
Miguel.

2007/12/31, Mikkel L. Ellertson <mikkel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

Miguel Blanco wrote:

Hello!

Excuse me if this is a known FAQ, but I can't find any thing related to external usb disk (not USB key, ie. real 2.5" disk) but this http://www.vigla.eclipse.co.uk/usb_install.pdf paper which refers to an old Fedora Core 3 version.

I tried the process described above translating where applicable to F8 with no success.

Do you know how can I install F8 in an external disk ?

Regards,
Miguel

You have to use the expert install. The standard install does not offer to let you use USB drives. The drive will be accessed as a SCSI drive. (Almost all drives in F8 are accessed as SCSI drives.) Depending on your system, it will probably be /dev/sdb.

About the only complication is that you want to install Grub to the

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USB drive. If you are planning on using the BIOS boot from a USB device option, you will also have to modify the Grub device map so that the USB drive is the first BIOS drive. (The BIOS remaps the drives when you boot from the USB drive.) This is not necessary if you are chainloading from another Grub install.

Mikkel

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for thou art crunchy and taste good with Ketchup!

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