

Re: Clone ES4 machine

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On Tue, 25 Apr 2006, Dag Wieers wrote:

On Tue, 25 Apr 2006, j_70@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

I am looking to 'clone' one of our ES4 production machines to make an exact copy as a development box. Does linux have a built in method for this or can someone point me in the right direction for a method for this. TIA.

Rsync is a simple way to copy a complete system. The procedure goes something like this:

- + Boot a rescue image that contains a recent rsync binary
- + Partition your disk(s)
- + Create the filesystems and mount them in a directory structure that has sufficient filesystem space (or optionally mimics the original system)
- + Rsync the original system onto your new filesystem structure

The tools you would use are resp. fdisk, mkfs (or mkfs.ext3), mount, mkdir and rsync.

I didn't mention that you need network as well, although the rescue image could have done that for you using dhcp.

Kind regards,

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[all I want is a warm bed and a kind word and unlimited power]

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