

# Re: filesystems

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John O'Loughlin wrote:

does anybody know how large a filesystem you can create with ext3 and what file sizes it can handle?

Fairly big, at least if you're running kernel 2.6 (RHEL4):  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison\\_of\\_file\\_systems#Limits](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_file_systems#Limits)

We have, however, used XFS for some `_large_` filesystems in the past (it happened to perform more quickly with the size and number of files we were handling. That was a while ago though, and I'd have to re-test XFS vs ext3. Off the top of my head I'd recommend ext3 because it's so well supported by so many tools.

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