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On 22/07/07, Anthony Reynolds <rar@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Dear All,

This is a follow-on to a previous posting as we have encountered the exact same problem with RHEL ES4:

We attached a Quantum 8000 DLT to an Adaptec 39320A SCSI controller – the tape drive works fine, tar works fine and most of the mt commands work fine except

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mt -f /dev/nst0 tell
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which comes back with "no such device".

Everything works fine on an older RH Linux system.

If anyone knows the solution to this problem on RHEL 4 we'd be very grateful.

Kind regards

Anthony Reynolds

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To: redhat-list@xxxxxxxxxxx

I have a RHEL WS 4 Update 1 machine with a DLT drive attached. A user wants to use it, but is encountering some weird behavior from mt.

The device shows up in dmesg, the module is loaded, and /dev/st0 and /dev/nst0 exist. tar -tvf will successfully list the contents of a tape in the drive. However, 'mt -f /dev/nst0 tell' fails with 'no such device'. Normally I would suspect that the tape drive doesn't have this capability, but this command worked just fine with the machine's former Redhat 7.2 install. mt's other functions, including rewind, etc. appear to be working fine.

Any ideas?

-Mindy

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Normally I would suspect that the tape drive doesn't have this capability, but this command worked just fine with the machine's former Redhat 7.2 install.

Slightly ambiguous. Was that the same tape drive that was attached to the server?

According to the man pages, tell "is available on some Tandberg and Wangtek streamers and some SCSI-2 tape drives" No explicit reference to Quantum 8000 DLT.

Just in case, have you checked for firmware upgrades?

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