

[SLE] floppy drive problems with SuSE 9.3

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Hi, everyone.

Something has happened to my floppy drive. I had removed it from the box and then put it back in after doing some upgrades. Perhaps I have reinstalled it wrong, but I can't figure out why things have gotten messed up. Nor can I figure how to fix.

When I insert a floppy disk now and click on <my computer/floppy drive> I get two boxes on the screen. One says "Error – Konqueror The process for the medial protocol died unexpectedly."

The other says "Mounting /dev/fd0." Then the progress bar shows 0% progress and goes no farther.

No files are displayed.

If I then right click on the floppy drive icon I see the following:

Under the general tab I have:

Type: Unmounted Floppy

Location: / (media)

And under the permissions tab I have:

Ownership:

User: (there is nothing here — it is blank)

Group: (there is nothing here — it is blank)

I cannot make any changes to the permissions. If I try I get the same two error boxes mentioned above.

The only way I can hope to see the files on the floppy is to go to </media/floppy>

I can then try to access the files.

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However, when I click on the floppy drive folder the floppy drive starts searching, and the green drive light goes on. But it never stops searching. The drive will turn for awhile, the green light will go out momentarily, and then it will start up again. This repeats forever.

So something is totally screwed up with the floppy drive. I don't seem to have "ownership" of the drive as user. And even as root I can't change anything (or at least I can't figure out how to change anything).

What can I do to regain proper operational control over this silly floppy drive? Can I delete the damned thing and get SuSE 9.3 to re-recognize it?

Help!! :o)

Thanks.

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