

Fwd: Wiping Out Data

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I don't know who the stupid gutless punk is that thought it was necessary to attack me personally off list anonymously but here's my response.

I was only talking about "kill disk" (see killdisk.com) I've used it myself on *nix and windows boxes. I've use it on internal, external and portable drives. The only thing required is the ability to boot from CD/Floppy. Is it possible to have data recovered after it has been removed by the killdisk program? Of course, as is the case with all methods. The only absolutely sure way to destroy data is to destroy the drive. Are there other, more effective ways to wipe out data? Sure, and I said as much, but that doesn't invalidate what I said about killdisk.

Here is the quote from the kildisk.com site:

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This is security software for unrecoverable data elimination for any computer capable of booting in DOS mode from floppy drive. It uses access to the drive's data on a physical level via BIOS bypassing logical drive structure organization, thus it does not matter what operating systems and file systems located on the machine.

It can work with DOS, Windows Vista, Windows XP / 2000 / NT / XP Professional x64 / XP Home x64/ 2003 Server x64, Linux, Unix for PC etc...

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I'll never understand what turns some people into such flaming idiots on line. I guess I expected better from this group for some reason. This is the kind of thing that I would expect from a windows group on AOL.

Bob

On 4/7/07, Anonyma <anon-bounces@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Bob Cortez wrote:

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It does work with ubuntu, it works with EVERY OS. It works on any kind of drive. It's free. I've used it myself.

And your qualifications for making these sweeping statements would be exactly what? Usage and blind assumption?

I suspect you're not qualified at all because you obviously haven't even read the shred man page itself, which lists just some of the scenarios where shred might not work. Ironically your "every OS and any kind of drive" is false even according to shred's author, Colin Plumb.

Your unmount solution sounds better however. Just wanted to set the record straight.

If you truly care about setting the record straight you'd retract your obviously knee jerk nonsense, and quit handing out advice as though you thought you some sort of expert because you can manage to run something at the command line.

I rather suspect you're not grownup enough to do either though. :-(

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