

## Re: Making a DVD from the CD's

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After serious contemplation, on or about Thursday 11 August 2005 7:51 pm  
houghi@houghi.org.invalid wrote:

> *I think this has been asked several times before. I am not sure if there*  
> *still is a real need for it, but here is the solution as given on the*  
> *openSUSE mailing list:*  
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>> *Q: Hello, is there a way to merge the four setup cd's into one dvd*  
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> *You may copy the contents of all the CDs into a directory and regenerate*  
> *an*  
> *ISO to burn to a DVD.*

In a related topic, I am trying to save the YAST System Backup on to DVD disks. I've wasted 6 disks so far in failed attempts. I figured out that I could make a custom profile just for that set up. I set the size of the disk for 4700 MB because that was the size that the disks are supposed to hold. When System Backup finishes it makes two files 01\_backup.tar which is 4.4 GIG and 02\_backup.tar which is 3.8 GIG, plus a small backup.xml file.

I try to burn the 01\_backup.tar file onto a DVD using k3b. When I drag the file into the burn area, it shows the file takes up space just shy of 4.6 GIG with 0 bytes free. It pretends to write but I get a file size error and an empty unusable DVD.

I read that some older versions of SuSE had a 4 GIG maximum limit but that the limitation had been fixed. Does anybody save their System Backup files to DVD and how do you do it? Do I need to make the YAST System Backup size smaller? And if so, what should it be? Or is there some setting I need to look into that I missed in k2b? At the rate I'm destroying DVDs, I'll never be able to afford my Diet Cherry & Vanilla Dr. Pepper.

Also I successfully downloaded the SuSE 9.3 Evaluation DVD from the Utah mirror. It took 5 attempts before I got a successful MD5SUM as the file seemed to only load half the program. I then found a suggestion to use KGet. That worked rather strangely. First it showed it was only downloading a 250 BM file and the top number decreased as the number in the

bottom panel increased. When both were zero it still seemed busy. After about 20 minutes the number jumped to 2.2 GIG and seemed to go into never, neverland yet the HD light kept flickering. Eventually it loaded all 4.2 GIG of the Eval.iso and had a good MD5SUM. I then burned the ISO image unto a dvd which said it completed it successfully, however when it verified the data I had an error that said the two files didn't match. Should they have, or is there a difference because the original was ISO and the resulting disk contained regular files? Should I trust the first report of a successful burn or the second about the data not matching?

There nothing that engenders as much humility as Linux does (well except when I moved from the Sinclair QL to an IBM XT a hundred years ago).

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Later,  
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