

## Re: 10.1 – floppy is a slug

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Michael Soibelman wrote:

<posted & mailed>

Jim Showalter wrote:

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yourname wrote:

I'm not very good with linux. I was running Suse 9.0 for the last year. It never made any difference if I formatted the floppy in Windows or Suse. I always format it as a DOS disk. But now, in Suse 10.1, the floppy behaves very different. I just copy files in Konqueror the way I always did. I opened KSysGuard to watch the CPU during this process. My mistake on the initial post. The CPU climbed to 100% during the copy process, then settled back down after it was done. If this were a windows issue, I would guess that the DMA was not being used.

You asked "Did you use the 'dd if=~~your-file-here~~ of=~~/dev/fd0~~ bs=? (64,128,256...etc)". You might as well speak Chinese.

Well it isn't Chinese ! If you were writing a bootable cd that's how you do it in Linux. Since you didn't say what the floppy was used for

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I was guessing. Anyway, a full 1.44MB floppy should not take more than 2 minutes tops !! So if it takes more than that something isn't right...in

Duhh – I think he knows that. Hence the reason for his post.

any language. I'm serious when I say floppy disks are VERY unreliable.

If you're just copying 256k it shouldn't take more than 30 seconds. Why are you using floppy's ??? They're so..80's.

And why are you acting like such a jerk? The original poster was not that unclear or out of line as to warrant such rude treatment by you.

I don't think I was out of line. So many people come to Linux and expect everything to be exactly as it is in Windows. They do not know the reason for the differences is in large part due to the closed proprietary market place and the dominance of one player. So instead of describing there problem with DETAILS they just make some statement and expect us to know what they're doing. They will not spend any time trying to google for the answer and they don't read any documentation, HOWTO's, man pages, info...etc.. Well this is not Windows. I don't think I'm acting like a jerk. At least I take the time to try to help. I don't think that's being a jerk. I help many people out on a regular basis and even if they don't know what they're doing I still try to help out. In fact I usually provide fairly detailed answers. Sometimes they're not the best answers but at least I do try to help. Now what did you do in this thread to help. Answer..NOTHING ! Just criticize me. Now I call that being a jerk !!

But don't worry, I'll just go on helping whoever asks. I'm just trying to get the guy to be more specific when trying to get help. Usually someone who states in their post something about "windoz" they probably don't know a lot about Linux. That is why I tried to put him on the path to providing more detailed information.

P.S. Don't start a flame war here. I do not do that!! If you want to provide usefull information then that's fine. Otherwise you'll get 'killfiled' and no one will see anything you do. Just try to get along.

P.S. If you think I'm being a jerk then you've never been stung by Houghi !! I like the guy and we get along just fine. But he's been known to be pretty severe with newbies. First time it happened to me I thought the guy was a big jerk but then I realized he was absolutely right. If you don't take the time to provide clear details about your problem how can

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anyone help you in an informed manner. Everyone has a slightly different configuration and that causes things to happen in different ways. You need to provide some information. You need to be concise.

So there you have it. I just took several minutes to respond to your castigating remarks so you'll understand where I'm coming from. I'm not angry and I don't dislike you. I try to like everybody. I'll forgive you if you do so in kind. Make peace not war. Love they neighbor, but stay away from his wife...:-)

Peace dude. Be cool. Rock on.

P.S. I probably should not have responded to your post but there you have it. I took the time to help you to understand. So now it's up to you to decide what you're going to do. Think about that before you decide. In fact, I find in situations like this it's best to NOT respond until the next day when you've had time to realize what the right response is. Cool heads prevail.

Have a nice day.

P.S. By the way the original poster says I must be speaking Chinese when I made a detailed description of how to create a bootable floppy disk. So, no he does NOT know a lot about Linux. That is what's obvious. You should have read that and understood so. But perhaps you missed that point. It wasn't Chinese. It was 'geekease' :-)

They have a right to expect simple help when required, otherwise people who're fond of windows wont bother their arse converting. You tit.