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Thanks to Simon and all who replied. Your advice has been very helpful!

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Subject: Re: Problem with var directory being full!

Well, that's what I wanted to know: your original post didn't make it clear that wtmp was the sole cause of the problem.

For your users' print jobs, you have no choice but to allocate more space somewhere. Personally I wouldn't bother creating a separate filesystem for that.

/var/adm/wtmp can grow quite rapidly, particularly if you've got a lot of ftp or similar. (If you get an improperly terminated ftp session – from a Windows client, perhaps – it can poll and write a new entry every few seconds. That soon mounts up.) We just delete it once a week: all of the information it contains which is useful for auditing is available elsewhere, so it's just not worth the trouble of trying to keep it's size down, although I used to clear out unwanted entries so that I could keep it.

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To All:

Every now and then our /var/tmp space becomes full and users cannot add any more print jobs. Has anyone else experience this problem and what did they do to resolve it? Can the /var/tmp be redirected or mounted on its on filesystem? Once we removed the wtmp file to save space but we don't want to do that all the time.