

Re: Can't backup old E20

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Just for the purpose of making the mksysb, do the next:

1. move the /usr/lib/methods/chgfcparry to another name
2. create an empty file named /usr/lib/methods/chgfcparry
(#touch /usr/lib/methods/chgfcparry or
> /usr/lib/methods/chgfcparry)
3. Create the mksysb
4. Test the mksysb
5. Return the file /usr/lib/methods/chgfcparry

How did you fix the net issue?

HC.

-----Original Message-----

From: IBM AIX Discussion List [mailto:aix-l@Princeton.EDU] On Behalf Of Dave Stewart

Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 2:08 PM

To: aix-l@Princeton.EDU

Subject: Can't backup old E20

Hi again all!

I've got my old retired server running fine again and I thought it would be prudent to try to back this thing up. For some reason, it's not happy doing it though. I've first tried smitty savevg and ultimately tried savevg by itself, but keep getting the same weirdness:

```
# savevg -m -X rootvg
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Creating information file (/image.data) for rootvg.....

Creating pseudo tape boot image..ln: 0653-421

./usr/lib/methods/chgfcparry exists.

Specify -f to remove ./usr/lib/methods/chgfcparry before linking.

.backup: 0511-449 An error occurred accessing

./usr/lib/methods/chgfcparry/: There are too many levels of symbolic

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links to translate a path name.

0512-021 savevg: Attempt to create a bootable tape failed:
mkinsttape /dev/rmt0.1 failed with return code 9.

#

(Dang it's nice to be able to copy/paste from this thing again!)

Any idea why it's falling on it's face? Looking around, I've noticed that /usr/lib/methods/chgfcpararray is a link to itself:

```
# cd /usr/lib/methods
# 1 | grep chgfcpararray
lrwxrwxrwx 1 root system 28 May 24 10:30 chgfcpararray ->
/usr/lib/methods/chgfcpararray
#
```

Yet if I remove it and run savevg again it's recreated and savevg once again fails with the same error (minus the prompts about it already existing and to supply the -f flag). So what's broken; where do I look to fix this? It would be nice to be able to do a backup on this thing.

Any thoughts or ideas would be greatly appreciated.

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The box said 'Requires Windows 95, NT, or better,' so I installed Mac OS X "Panther".