

Re: mksysb and OS CD version

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Actually, just checking through the docs again I see that there may be a relatively simple circumvention.

The message in the mksysb output – which says that the boot image is too large – also refers us to /usr/lpp/bos.sysmgmt/README. This has a way of booting direct from the tape – without a CD – provided a particular APAR is installed, (depending on the type of hardware).

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-----Original Message-----
From: Green, Simon (EDS)
Sent: 26 September 2006 10:22
To: 'IBM AIX Discussion List'
Subject: RE: mksysb and OS CD version

That sounds extremely unpleasant! It hadn't occurred to me that there might not be a CD in existence: something I'll have to watch out for in the future. It sounds like IBM messed up badly there.

How were you able to recover the system in the end?

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-----Original Message-----
From: IBM AIX Discussion List [<mailto:aix-l@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>] On Behalf Of Barnhart, Troy
Sent: 25 September 2006 21:21
To: aix-l@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Subject: Re: mksysb and OS CD version

Whew, I've been there, done that, and learned the hard way.

Re: mksysb and OS CD version

For AIX 5.2: If you get the "boot image exceeded max. mksysb size limit" message:

"You MUST have the OS-CD for that exact Maintenance Level of that mksysb."

There is no such thing as an ML06 CD, only a downloadable package.

Therefore, you couldn't boot from a CD and load from the mksysb TAPE.

Pretty scary finding that out at 4am on a Sunday & all I had was an ML04 & ML07 set of CD's.

A 6-hour downtime became 37-hour downtime.