

Re: newfs and mount vs. half-baked disks

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In message <20031113064251.GB39616@cirb503493.alcatel.com.au>, Peter Jeremy writes:

>On Wed, Nov 12, 2003 at 09:56:14AM +0100, Poul-Henning Kamp wrote:

>>It might not be a bad idea to store the relevant magics in a

>>/etc/ufs.conf file, but there are some details about device vs.

>>media/filesystem identification in particular in context of dynamic

>>devices to that must be worked out.

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>How do you handle the situation when the master superblock on / is

>hosed and you need to find the filesystem parameters (in

>/etc/ufs.conf) before you can access /?

I usually take great care to always newfs / with default parameters, because then I can use newfs -N /dev/ad0a to see where the superblocks are to be found.

>If the BSD-style disklabels are going away, at least the root
>parameters need to be in the boot blocks or somewhere similar.

Sure, send a patch.

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