

Re: disklabel differences FreeBSD, DragonFly

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On Thu, Jul 27, 2006 at 05:34:23PM -0400 I heard the voice of John Baldwin, and lo! it spake thus:

On Thursday 27 July 2006 16:58, Mike Meyer wrote:

Right. I typically install / and /usr as distinct files systems for just that reason (/ and /usr have different backup & recovery strategies and I use dump, so that's why they are two partitions). So why does / need to be different from /var, /usr different from /usr/X11R6 and /home different from /usr/local? Seriously now - what I just described is my typical install.

In my case I still have /home in /usr/home, but I should start making it separate in the hope that I could mount /usr read-only most of the time reducing the time it takes to fsck when I crash my test machines.

I have / and /usr [sometimes one partition] mounted read-only on many of my systems. I like the peace of mind of KNOWING nothing'll go wonky on 'em on a crash, I like the shorter fsck times, I kinda like knowing there's that extra (very thin, but still extant) layer of protection against a lot of automated attacks... And, darnit, it just feels cleaner. I tend to have separate /var, /tmp, /home, and /usr/local which are kept rw since they have live and constantly-fiddled data on them, but everything else generally ends up ro since I only need to write them at specific discrete times. Out of the 11 partitions (multiple disks) on my workstation, only those 4 are generally rw.

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