

Re: fdformat doesn't work anymore?

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On Friday 28 November 2003 00:12, Malcolm Kay wrote:

- > *On Thu, 27 Nov 2003 19:57, Daniel O'Connor wrote:*
- > > *I am trying to format a floppy in a FreeBSD 4.9-mumble system but it*
- > > *spits errors on most tracks.*
- > >
- > > *I've tried several floppies, but the result is the same. If I do "dd*
- > > *if=/dev/zero of=/dev/fd0c" it completes without error.*
- > >
- > > *So this proves you can get nulls from /dev/zero without error.*
- > > *But having done this will dd read from /dev/fd0c?*

Good question :)

- > *The fact that the errors are pretty much the same on both machines, I would*
- > *take as a strong indication the the diskettes are due for the rubbish tip.*

Yeah, sigh :)

- > *And I've known batches of old disks to fail from physical distortion of the*
- > *media while on the shelf through aging -- long term backup on floppies is*
- > *useless or at least a big gamble.*

Well, it sucks to have to buy new floppies in emergencies.. Maybe I should keep a set in the fridge or something :)

I bought some new ones and the fdformat fine, so I guess it was just dodgy disks.

Thanks :)

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"The nice thing about standards is that there
are so many of them to choose from."

-- Andrew Tanenbaum

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