

Re: Looking for suggestions for bootcamp sessions

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FredK wrote:

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- > *Frankly, I don't know. Hoff may have a way. Backup does a callback to hook*
- > *the boot stuff up, including creating the partition headers – I don't know if*
- > *there is a way to have backup do this so that a new GUID isn't created.*

The SET BOOTBLOCK command and the underlying undocumented foreign command interface can both optionally preserve an existing on-disk GUID when re-writing the bootblock. The underlying undocumented foreign command interface can also decode and display the contents of a bootblock, this intended to permit an additional check within the REBOOT_CHECK processing in SHUTDOWN.

The EFI tools are certainly fodder for a bootcamp session.

As for a discussion elsewhere in the thread, a corruptor was discovered within EFI\$CP late in V8.2, and access was deliberately disabled, and this disablement of this undocumented tool was then referenced in the release notes. (The irony here was not lost on at least some of us, either.) EFI\$CP is used to manage the boot partition.

If I get some spare cycles, I'll edit and post out the I64 bootstrap details and the sequence — this bootstrap sequence material and the various EFI tools will be fodder for one of the sessions I expect to be presenting at the bootcamp, too. (Assuming Sue accepts the session, of course.)