

Re: VAX 11/730 SABACKUP questions

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Dave Froble wrote:

Chris Scheers wrote:

I need some help from the way back machine. (Old farts unite!)

I have a client with an IDC 11/730 (R80/RL02/TU80). They don't want to replace it.

The system disk (R80) died and has been replaced. Now they can't find their SABACKUP media.

What are my options here? I know how to boot SABACKUP from a TU58 or RL02, but I don't have a machine that I can use to generate media for them.

Is there a way to boot a 730 from the TU80? If so, could some kind soul provide me with the relevant console commands?

With a DEUNA, is there a way to boot a 730 as a satellite? How about from an Infoserver?

If, as I suspect, I am out of luck on these alternate methods, is someone set up to generate SABACKUP media on TU58 or RL02? The target OS is VMS 5.4, but I think any 5.2 or later SABACKUP should work.

Thanx!

Chris,

VMS at one time was distributed on 9-track tape. The only thing I cannot remember is whether SA BACKUP was on a separate tape.

Regardless, if you have access to another 9-track drive, you should be able to copy or build SA BACKUP on a tape. (It has been a very long time, so I could be wrong.)

To boot the tape, for example, MTA0:, I believe you just do that at the console prompt, BOOT MTA0

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Remember STABACKIT

I'm aware of these. If there is an incantation to get a 730 to boot from a 9-track, I would like to know what it is. "BOOT MTA0" will NOT work.

The only documented way to boot SABACKUP on a 730 that I can find requires booting it from a disk. Generally this means a TU58 set or a copy installed on the system disk. Since the system disk had to be replaced, that copy is gone and now they can't find the TU58 copy.

I need a way to boot SABACKUP so I can restore a disk image. Then I can have SABACKUP on the system disk again.

It's a chicken and egg problem.

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