

Re: correct way to update AIX 4.3.3.0 to maintenance level 4330-11?(AIX newbie)

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In my previous response, I didn't get the web page included for this...

> *In your spare time... here's another site with some references to AIX
> vs Solaris commands/functions.*

<http://bhami.com/rosetta.html>

user@domain.invalid wrote:

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> *gprimerib* wrote:
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>> *Sorry for the basic question, but I'm a Solaris guy trying to warm up
>> to AIX. Any help would be greatly appreciated.*
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>> *We have an old 7017-R86 (S80) that's running 4.3.3. I need to put it
>> on EMC storage and EMC recommends that I install 'Maintenance Level
>> 4330-11' first.*
>> *Where do I get it and what's the "best practice" way to install it
>> safely?*
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>> *Thanks in advance.*
>> *DM*
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> *Heres IBM's support web page for downloading fixes and maintenance level
> packages. Select pseries for the server type for your S80, the rest of
> the options ought to be straight forward - it gives you some
> instructions on how to tell your current level, and install tips.*
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> <http://www-912.ibm.com/eserver/support/fixes/fcgui.jsp>
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> *My preferred way of doing an upgrade like this is to use their alternate
> disk installation technique where you clone your current o.s. onto
> another disk, and do the upgrade to that disk - then it modifies your*

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- > *bootlist to boot from the upgraded disk. You can point back to the old*
- > *disk and boot to go back to your old o.s. in case of problems as well.*
- > *You can do the upgrade this way without as much down time – just*
- > *rebooting. Otherwise, the best practice would be to have an idle system*
- > *and do the maintenance upgrade, then reboot.*
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- > *My system disks (rootvg) are mirrored, and I break the mirror, then use*
- > *the previous mirror copy disk for the upgrade. Once I'm happy with the*
- > *results and running with the upgrade, I do the cleanup and re-mirror*
- > *rootvg. If you don't want to risk breaking the mirror, you can still do*
- > *it, but you'd need two unused disks (bootable) to do the clone/upgrade to.*
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- > *For info on the process – if you have man pages installed...*
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- > *man alt_disk_install*
- >
- > *To start the process, you can run from the command line, but I find it*
- > *easier to use smitty (or smit);*
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- > *smitty alt_install*
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- > *You can also access it via websm*
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- > *Online manuals are available for 4.3 at*
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- > http://publib.boulder.ibm.com/cgi-bin/ds_form?lang=en_US&viewset=AIX&config=/usr/share/man/info/en_US/a_do
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- > *I have problems using the search function here (works fine with the 5L*
- > *manuals) but you can check out the Install guide, chapter 10.*
- > *Also, if you look at the Reference Documentation section, it has command*
- > *references where you can look up the command.*
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- > *In your spare time... here's another site with some references to AIX vs*
- > *Solaris commands/functions.*
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- > *The next step is learning about NIM (Network Install Manager) to install*
- > *across the network, which is what I'm really suppose to be looking at on*
- > *here...*
- >
- > *Good Luck – its actually a fairly easy upgrade you're looking at.*
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- > *Ron*
- > *ron@colostate.edu*
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