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In article <46E53817.8050203@xxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Richard B. Gilbert" <rgilbert88@xxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

Tim Bradshaw wrote:

Does anyone know if there is an option to format in Solaris 10 (u4, but they all have it) which turns off the "No, I won't let you edit this disk's partition table because I've found entries in /etc/vfstab for it and I'm so much cleverer than you that I just can't trust you to actually be competent" feature.

How do I file a request for a "hammer nails into the head of whoever added this braindeath" option? That would actually be some use.

I mean, really.

Yes, I got bitten by this too. Unmounted the swap slice (swap -d) and then wanted to mount it again (swap -a). Sorry, can't do that because it's in /etc/vfstab. Of course it is -- it's the swap slice! I suspect if I mistyped the wrong slice which wasn't in /etc/vfstab, it would have probably worked, and potentially screwed something! So we have a check which stops you doing the right thing, and probably allows you to do the wrong thing.

How about just editing /etc/vfstab to comment out the offending entry or entries? Do your thing with format and edit vfstab again.

What an excellent way to risk accidentally corrupting your /etc/vfstab, and have the system not boot next time (which might be months after you corrupted it).

I realize that you'd rather do it your way but if you actually want to get the job done. . . .

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