Linux

How do I convert an ext2 to an ext3 file system?

• first of all: check if your kernel supports ext3! (most kernels since 2006 do that anyhow, so you should be fine)

• optional step: touch /forcefsck and reboot

(this will trigger a file system check, not such a bright idea on machines that are not KVM oder KVM over IP manageable, as something might come up during the fsck)

• tune2fs -j /dev/sda1 (this created the journal)

• edit /etc/fstab so that partition gets mounted as ext3

• reboot / remount

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