

Re: Why do proprietary machines use one partition?

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In news:MKiUd.16179\$\$9.6072@fe78.usenetserver.com,
ByTor <ByTor@snowdog.com> typed:

- > *It just amazes me how countless amounts of people will increase*
- > *the*
- > *probability of losing ALL their data by isolating it to the OS*
- > *drive.....Yes drives can fail and having more than one*
- > *partition would*
- > *be irrelevant, but the probably of losing the OS functionality*
- > *is*
- > *higher than physically losing the drive itself.....so hence*
- > *the many*
- > *problems I read about in the groups with people wanting to*
- > *recover*
- > *their data.....*

I'm not going to address the merits of one partition vs two, three, or some other number, but I wanted to point out that the *only* real solution to the potential problem of "losing ALL their data" is by putting in place and using a good backup strategy.

Having data in a separate partition still leaves it vulnerable to hard drive crashes, user errors, severe power glitches like nearby lightning strikes, virus attacks, even theft of the computer.

Without a good backup, stored externally to the computer, there is no real protection. If you think that a partitioning scheme substantially increases your security in this regard, you're kidding yourself. Whatever the merits of having multiple partitions, this isn't it.

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