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UNIX / Linux: copy master boot record (MBR)

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Q. How do I copy MBR from one hard disk to another hard disk under Debian Linux? I need to do this because of RAID 1 configuration.

A. To copy MBR simply use dd command. dd command works under all Linux distros and other UNIX like oses.



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dd command to copy MBR

Type dd command as follows:

dd if=/dev/sda of=/dev/sdb bs=512 count=1

Above command will copy 512 bytes (MBR) from sda to sdb disk.

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