

# How to get block device of a USB drive attached to a qube using Bash

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I'm trying to script mounting/decrypting/dismounting of USB drives.

I've been able to get the sys-usb ID, and attach the drive to the qube.

I'm stuck at a reliable way to get the block device of the drive. Any way to do this reliably (this fails too often)?

```
# Get the drive sd* from last modified match in qube /dev/  
# Note: Potential race condition if /dev/ state change between attach and ge  
drive_sd=$(qvm-run --pass-io -u root "$target_qube" "ls -lt /dev/sd* | grep  
echo "Drive sd_: $drive_sd_"
```

P.S. Also having problems getting the /dev/mapper name. If you have any reliable tricks to get that too...

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If you attach USB drive in the same script then you can pass the USB PID/VID or drive ID / partition UUID in qvm-run to wait for this device to initialize.

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Extracting from qube using 'sudo blkid' is what finally worked...

```
# Get the drive sd*  
drive_sd=$(qvm-run --pass-io -u root "$target_qube" "sudo blkid | grep \"$sus
```

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[Attaching device by UUID](#)