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Single User Mode Boot

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Boot from CD-ROM to Single User Mode - SPARC

1. Press <ESC>--<SHIFT>-- after the memory check to get to the command line
2. Boot from CD-ROM to Single User Mode: `boot cdrom -s`
3. Make directory to mount the disk. Note: `cdrom` mounts to `/tmp/root:`
`cd /tmp/root; mkdir test`
4. Mount `cdrom` to a disk: `mount /dev/dsk/c1t2d0s0 /tmp/root/test`
5. Change shell and set terminal variable: `/bin/bash; export TERM=vt100`

Boot from CD-ROM to Single User Mode - X86

1. Insert boot DVD into DVD drive (or an external DVD drive)
2. Reboot, and press F2 at the first visible BIOS screen
3. In the BIOS change the first boot drive to your chosen DVD drive. Then save settings and reboot again.
4. At the Grub screen, choose the "Solaris" entry if you're using an attached K-V-M,
or option 2 if you're using a serial console.
5. Sync the filesystems when prompted
6. Choose the local partition you wish to repair
7. Set your shell variables: `export TERM=vt100; export EDITOR=vi;`
`stty erase <BKSP>`
8. When complete, I recommend leaving the BIOS in this configuration for future break/fix operations.

ZFS Single User Mode -- Working file system

Press <ESC>--<SHIFT>-- after the memory check to get to the command line

- SPARC: `boot -F failsafe`
 - x86: Select <failsafe> from the GRUB prompt
- Mount ZFS BE on /a when prompted. You will see:

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ROOT /zfsBE was found on rpool

Do you wish to have it mounted read-write on /a? [y,n,?]

Change to /a/etc/ directory: `cd /a/etc`

Configure environments: `TERM=vt100; export TERM`

Edit `passwd` or `shadow` file

Reboot: `init 6`

ZFS Single User Mode -- Not working file system

Press <ESC>--<SHIFT>-- after the memory check to get to the command line

- SPARC: boot cdrom -s
- x86: Select <boot> from the local CD option

Mount rpool: zpool import -R /a rpool

Mount ZFS BE: zfs mount rpool/R00T/zfsBE

Change to /a directory: cd /a

Configure environments: TERM=vt100; export TERM

Perform file system clean up or ZFS recovery steps

Reboot: init 6

Solaris Disk Partitions

Disk partitions are in /dev/dsk/ and are numbered: c?t?d?s?

List partitions: Run the format command; Then select a disk, 0 thru ?; Enter "p" or "partition"; Type "p" or "print" to display slice information; "q" to quit

- The "tag" will tell you which partitions correspond to /etc/vfstab entries. i.e. "root" is the root partition. "unassigned" means unused.

Check for ZFS root pool (zpool): zpool list

Mount non-ZFS disk partitions: mount -o <ro or rw> /dev/dsk/<partition> /<mount point>

Mount ZFS root partition: zpool import -f rpool

Solaris Single User Mode for expired root password

Run the "Boot from CD-ROM to Single User Mode" procedure

Identify the root partition: i.e. c0t3d0s0

Mount root to /a as read/write: mount -o rw /dev/dsk/c0t3d0s0 /a

Configure environment: cd /a/etc/; TERM=vt100; export TERM

Replace root's password entry with a working password hash

cd /

umount /a

Reboot: init 6