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vxconvert and Apples Touchless filesystem migration

Christian pointed me to an interesting fact: The proposed mechanism of the touchless filesystem migration looks really similar to the mechanism of used in the vxfsconvert. From the vxfsconverter(1M) manpage for HP-SUX (The feature is available on other platforms as well, but this was the first one in Google): For every regular file inode, vxfsconvert allocates and initializes enough extent data to map all of the file's data blocks. This translates only the representation of the file's data blocks from the old format to that of VxFS. It never copies or relocates user data blocks. A quick search told me, that the vxfsconvert command dates back into 3.5 of 2002. I don't think, that Apple will get this patent ... or did i miss something while speedreading the patent application?

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp in Apple, English at 10:50

Speaking about Veritas products... Netbackup 6.5 runs now also on Solaris X86. This, combined with Thumper makes a hell of a backup-server...

Anonymous on Jun 12 2007, 21:36

multiple Thumpers via iSCSI on a backup T2000 ?

Anonymous on Jun 13 2007, 07:47