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fatal boot error can't load stage3 stage 3 boot 4gb four gigabytes limit
unixware unixware7 7.0.0 7.0.1 7.1.0 7.1.1 sco ou8 openunix openunix8
resmgr dcu 7.1.2 712 7.1.3 713
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Release

UnixWare 7 Release 7.0.0, 7.0.1, 7.1.0, 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.1.3
SCO Open UNIX 8.0.0

Problem

Installation of the operating systems proceed correctly. On first boot from the hard disk after installation, the following error appears:

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CAUSE:

The most common cause of this is that UnixWare's boot code does not allow booting from a filesystem that does not reside in the first 4GB of the boot disk or the first 1024 cylinders of the boot disk.

Solution

Ensure that your boot filesystem starts within the first 4GB of your boot disk. (Note that it's fine for it to end outside of the first 4GB of disk.) Also, ensure the boot filesystem is within the first 1024 cylinders of the boot disk.

If the server has been in production then it's likely that certain boot files are missing from /stand.

The MBR is intact but the kernel is missing.

NOTES:

Alternatively, the server's "resmgr" believes there hard disk is on a different controller. During installation check with the Device Configuration Utility (DCU), when prompted, that the controller you wish to install on is set as Unit 0 in Hardware Device Configuration-> F7 Advanced. Ensure that the other controllers have ascending values so that there is no conflict.