

# SUSE 10.2 Changing from ReiserFS to Ext3?

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We've been using ReiserFS as our default installation file system for the last 6-7 years now, and it's served us well in that time. Unfortunately, there are a number of problems with it, some purely technical, some more related to maintenance. I'll outline a few of the larger issues and offer my solution as a conclusion.

ReiserFS has serious scalability problems. ReiserFS has serious performance problems with extended attributes and ACLs. ReiserFS has a small and shrinking development community. ReiserFS v3 is a dead end.

The solution for replacing an aging file system isn't to switch to a brand new unproven file system, but rather a proven one with a clear upgrade path. That file system is ext3.

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