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CONFIGURING RAW DEVICES

A raw device can be bound to an existing block device and can be used to perform raw IO within an existing block device. This way it is possible to bypass the caching usually associated with the block device.

To bind raw device to existing block device, as root, you need to run the "raw" command (can do man on "raw"). If your disk partition is /dev/hda5 and you want to bind it to /dev/raw/raw1, do the following:

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raw /dev/raw/raw1 /dev/hda5
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