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TOPIC -----

This article explains the A/UX 3.0 Installer update feature.

DISCUSSION -----

With A/UX 3.0, you can do an automatic update of A/UX from version 2.0 or version 2.0.1 if your disk has a minimum of 30MB of free space, and if your partitioning scheme matches that of A/UX 3.0. The free space accommodates the increased size of the A/UX file systems. If your system doesn't meet these two criteria, then we offer two updating utilities. These are similar to the utilities provided with earlier versions of A/UX to find files that need updating and to help you back up those files. Then when you install A/UX 3.0, it repartitions your disk and copies back your system and user files.

The A/UX 3.0 Installer updates existing A/UX 2.0 and 2.0.1 installations to 3.0 in the same manner as the installer used in A/UX 2.0.1. Basically, if the target disk is already set up for A/UX, it skips the disk formatting stage. During the UNIX package installation, outdated 2.x files are REPLACED by their newer 3.0 counterparts. The sizes of these replaced files are used in the free space calculation so that an enormous amount of free space isn't required.

As always, the installer IS NOT a substitute for backing up your disk drive. Make a habit of backing up daily or weekly to ensure the protection of your user files, and any changes you make to the system software.

In addition, A/UX 3.0 continues to support the Autorecovery feature. This feature allows you to recover key system files and get the A/UX computer back into a stable state.

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