

## VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by Natrix - 2011/09/14 21:20

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Hi admin!

Do you got news for VBoot v.2 ?

thank you very much !

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## Re: VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by huisinro - 2011/09/14 22:10

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it's going very well, but we are still having some issues with Windows XP and Windows 8. Most likely, it will release in October

These are the major features:

(1) significant performance improvement, much better than v1.1, similar if not better than Microsoft Windows 7 VHD boot.

(2) introduces a new file dependency driver, vbootfs.sys, so nested virtual disks can be mounted, and the mother harddisk can now be made hidden, and can deny all accesses except the vhd files. for example, you can add "hide" keyword to vboot command to hide all real hard disks.

(3) support merge, compact, expand functions to operate on virtual disks

(4) can be used in conjunction with our upcoming ram boot driver to boot vhd from memory, even for huge virtual disk files.

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## Re:VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by jmardian - 2011/09/20 09:09

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That sounds great. Will the upgrade to an existing installation for paid customers be a simple process (copying one or two new files)?

Thanks.

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## Re:VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by huisinro - 2011/09/20 09:36

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Based on our testing, you can simply run a command "vboot prepare" on offline disk, or run "vboot update" inside a running vboot disk to update.

To use the hide disk feature, you add an option to grub.cfg file, for example:

add "hide=0" to hide all partitions of the first harddisk, or "hide=E:" to hide volume E:

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### Re:VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by huisinro - 2011/09/20 09:49

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After v2 release, one of our focus will be to integrate vmlite and vboot, so the same virtual disk file can be run as a vm, or boot a physical machine, in a very simple manner.

For example, you can install Windows 7 to a vhd using vboot, you can either boot your pc, or sometimes you can also run it inside VMLite Workstation as a virtual machine.

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### Re:VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by hiberhe - 2011/10/06 18:04

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When will the New VBoot v2.0 be released?

The new features sounds very helpful, and it has really been a long time waiting!

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### Re:VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by admin - 2011/10/06 18:53

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I know, the disk drivers will be released with vmlite v4, in coming weeks.

After that, we will finish up vboot v2, hopefully end of this month, we will have a release.

VMLite/VBoot will use exactly same disk drivers, and we will push for a unified way of booting vhd files, in the meantime, also run as virtual machines, along the way.

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### Re:VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by jmardian - 2011/10/30 10:18

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Any update on new version?

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by huisinro - 2011/10/30 11:41

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We are finalizing a beta release for v2. Please check around middle next month.

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by huisinro - 2011/11/10 18:43

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We will release a v2 beta on Nov 15. This version's main change is disk performance and memory use, plus merge, compact, expand command line supports.

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by josef.brecko - 2011/11/10 22:38

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Sounds very good. My question is when to expect a final version is and how it updates the registered version.

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by huisinro - 2011/11/10 22:46

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we will send free download link of final v2 to paid users, which has no limitations.

You can simply run "vbootctl update current" from currently running vhd instances to update.

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by Natrix - 2011/11/15 10:35

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huisinro wrote:

we will send free download link of final v2 to paid users, which has no limitations.

Do you send it today ?

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by huisinro - 2011/11/15 11:54

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Today's release is a beta, we will send a more formal version later after some feedbacks. You can play with the beta in the meantime.

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by krman - 2011/11/15 18:13

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Can you release VBOOT 2.0 trial version?

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by huisinro - 2011/11/15 18:25

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wrapping it up now, should be available in a couple of hours.

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by krman - 2011/11/15 18:33

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Good news

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by Shenzie - 2011/11/27 10:14

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Please excuse my lack of in-depth knowledge of VBoot, which may make the following question a naive one to ask.

Does Vbooting a physical drive to run under the aegis of WinXP still manifest the unfortunate problem of the WinXP startup process deleting all Win7 and Vista restore points?

I know that running XP in a virtual machine (when the host is a Win7 physical machine) does not experience the problem...but my XP installation on physical drive seems much too large to be made completely into a VHD. Would VBoot be of practical use and still avoid the curse of deleting Win7

restore points?

If there's a file or discussion on the site where I should do my homework, please point me there.

Thx.

Shen

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### Re:VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by huisinro - 2011/11/27 11:33

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Hi Shen,

This is a rather application specific problem. Yes, it will still exist unless you do something clever.

Basically, it's to do with system restore configuration. For example, when you boot win7 from host, and configure it to protect C: drive. Now, you boot win7 using vboot from a vhd, and if you configure it to protect C: drive only, it will remove other drives' restore points. so you need to make sure to protect C: and D: (the host drive).

We will play more to see if we can do something automatically. One way is to protect the real volume using vboot hide option, so no changes will be made to the host drive. We need more testing on this.

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### Re:VBoot v.2.0 News

Posted by Shenzie - 2011/11/27 13:30

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Thx for the very quick reply, Huisinro.

Yes, I'm aware of the approach to protecting Win7 restore points by making the physical drive invisible to the booting XP drive. That's a nuisance for my system, which uses separate physical drives for various operating systems. My primary OS is Win7, so if I have to boot from the XP-based drive to be able to use applications or tools that aren't compatible with Win7, I don't see the Win7 drive.

What's been great is using VMLWS to start an XP virtual machine and being able to access all drives via the shared folder approach. Was hoping that maybe VBoot would allow me to do something clever so that the method of starting XP would not only not destroy Win7 restore points, but also be actually starting from my very "seasoned" XP installation on physical disk, which has in excess of 400GB of applications and data files. (Was my primary drive for many years.)

Slightly off this specific topic: I've not tried MyOldPCs, presuming that an image of a 400+ GB drive content might be unwieldy. However, if MYOldPCs is used as the means to boot an older XP installation, does that process also expose Win7 restore points to destruction?

Shen

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**Re:VBoot v.2.0 News**

Posted by huisinro - 2011/11/27 13:34

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It still will, this is due to the system restore application's specific feature. We will see how to protect that System Volume Information folder. will experiment with it.

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