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A/UX: Why Root Has More Space Available than Regular Users

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TOPIC -----

Why do root and regular users have different amounts of space available on their file systems?

DISCUSSION -----

A/UX follows the Berkeley file system. There's a default high-water mark of 10 percent of disk space that isn't available for use by non-privileged users, although you can adjust this with the tunefs command. Root, however, can do anything, including filling the file system to capacity.

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