

Command line progress bar - a progress bar for dd

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If you're using dd for making backups or shifting around data of an considerable size, a lack of progress bar can be annoying and leave you having to employ annoying hacks to try and get status on your data transfer.

The good news is that there is an open source command line progress bar called, aptly enough, bar, that can be used to give you a nice wget-esque progress bar as the data shifts over. Unfortunately, there seems to be a limitation in its utility in that you have to specify the size of the data for the progress bar to be accurate, but then this isn't awfully hard to do.

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