Using the foxclonexx deb file
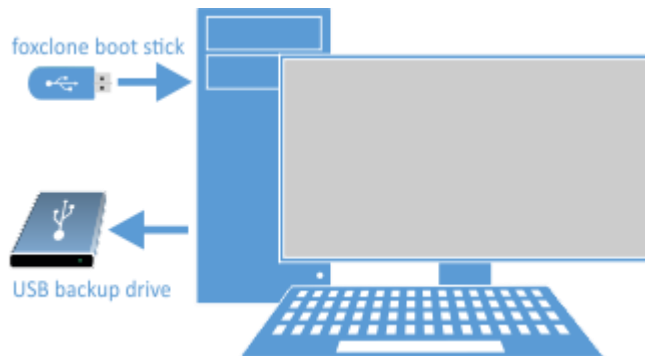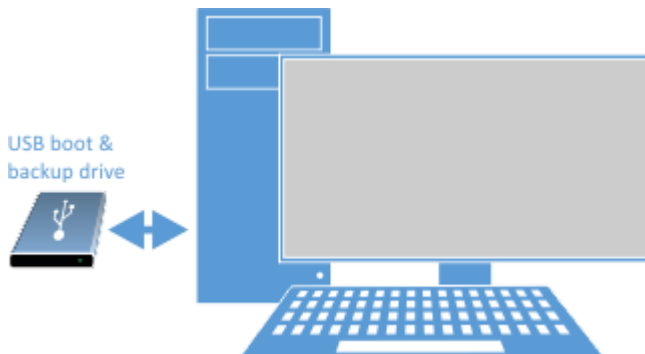
foxcloneXX_amd64.deb is a package to install foxclone into a Ubuntu/Debian system. It is NOT for installation in your working system. If you do this you will not be able to backup your system because you cannot backup a live filesystem.

The use scenario for the deb is:

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A separate USB stick is used to boot foxclone with a large external USB drive (typically 1TB or greater) used as the backup destination.

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Instead of using a separate USB stick, linux is installed onto the USB drive and used as both a boot drive and backup destination.

Installation

Install your Debian/Ubuntu distribution of choice on the USB drive making sure that the bootloader (grub) is installed on the USB drive and not the main system drive (typically sda).

Install the deb as you would any other package. Note that during installation foxclone will disable and remove swap[1]. This is required for foxclone to work correctly. Foxclone can be found under admin in your menu with the user guide under accessories.

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[1] Any swap entries in fstab are removed and the existing fstab is renamed fstab.bak. When systemd starts it uses any swap partitions it finds, including those on drives you want to backup/restore. Then when a restore/clone is done foxclone cannot force the kernel to re-read the partition table because it is in use. Disabling swap fixes this problem.