Q: I changed **/etc/fstab**, and now NEXTSTEP won't boot.   If I boot the system in single-user mode, I can't edit **/etc/fstab** to fix it because the file system is read-only.   What do I do to fix it?

A: The start-up script **/etc/rc.boot** makes the root filesystem read-write with the command:

        mount -o remount /

The **mount** command looks in **/etc/fstab** for an entry that describes "/". It should find a line like:

        /dev/sd0a   /   4.3   rw,noquota,noauto   0   1

This means that the filesystem on the device sd0a should be mounted as the root ("/") filesystem. If this line in the **/etc/fstab** file is missing,   incorrect, or damaged, the mount command fails.   You are left with a read-only root filesystem.

The solution is to re-mount the root file system with the shell command:

        # mount -o remount /dev/sd0a /

In this form, you are telling mount exactly which device to use, so it doesn't look in **/etc/fstab** and get confused.   Once you have the root filesystem mounted read-write, fix it with a text editor (don't include any blank lines) or get a copy of a default **/etc/fstab**.   You can find default copies in **/usr/template/client**. i.e.:

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# cp /usr/template/client/etc/fstab.sd330 /etc/fstab
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Then shut down and reboot your system:

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# reboot
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