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- *From:* krw <krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
  - *Date:* Tue, 5 Aug 2008 22:11:56 -0400
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In article <6fqq7sFcq69aU5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxx says...

JosephKK wrote:

On Sun, 3 Aug 2008 19:41:44 -0400, krw <krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <48pb949b553rahdhtpu82kk535u8ljb13@xxxxxxx>, quiettechblue@xxxxxxxx says...

On Sun, 3 Aug 2008 10:09:22 -0400, krw <krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <48959a6e\$0\$56787\$edfadb0f@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, frithiof.jensen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...

"krw"  
<krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
skrev i  
meddelelsen  
<news:MPG.22fe1949a3fccd01989f4b@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

In  
article  
<48942f36\$1\$56778\$edfadb0f@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, frithiof.jensen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...

"Martin  
Brown"  
<|||newspam|||@nezumi.demon.co.uk>  
skrev  
i



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1  
Gig  
RAM  
–  
But  
this  
time  
on  
a  
Dual  
core  
1.8  
GHz  
Toshiba  
A300  
lapdog  
with  
3  
GB  
RAM!!

Not  
too  
surprising,  
since  
a  
1.8GHz  
processor  
isn't  
all  
that  
much  
more  
power  
than  
a  
1.2GHz,  
given  
the  
memory  
bottleneck.  
A  
laptop  
will  
also  
be  
significantly  
slower  
than  
a  
decent

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desktop.

It's a dual  
core should  
be ~twice as  
fast.

Did the tooth fairy visit you  
last night?

There  
is  
a  
lot  
to  
of  
things  
switch  
off  
but  
especially:  
The  
service  
"Superfetch"  
which  
sucks  
away  
all  
the  
RAM  
and  
"Readyboost"  
which  
I  
will  
never  
use.  
Since  
it  
is  
a  
lapdog  
one  
can  
also  
set  
the  
HDD  
to  
use

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maximum  
buffering  
because  
we  
have  
backup  
power.

HDD  
buffering  
has  
nothing  
to  
do  
with  
performance.  
It's  
there  
for  
the  
disk  
drive,  
not  
the  
computer.

Vista likes  
to swap,  
swap &  
swap – so  
we want the  
disk to  
appear fast!

Hard disk "cache" has  
nothing to do with  
swapping. It's there for  
the drive's use (decoupling  
the magnetics from the  
interface), not  
the OS'.

On  
"Windows  
Features"  
I  
killed  
the  
following:

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Remote  
Differential  
Compression\*,  
Removable  
storage  
management,  
Services  
for  
NFS,  
Print  
Services,  
Windows  
Fax  
&  
Scan,  
Windows  
Meeting  
Space,  
Windows  
DFS  
Replication  
Service,  
Indexing  
Service.

You  
don't  
use  
removable  
storage?  
Printers?

Names are  
misleading:  
The  
removable  
storage  
management  
is for legacy  
handling of  
NT  
backups, the  
print  
services are  
for  
web-printing;  
No, i do  
not use any  
of those.

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Ah, and here I thought that  
"removable storage  
management" was used  
to support storage devices  
that were, well, removable.  
...and  
printing services for...

Anyways:

<http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/windows-vista/re>

\*responsible  
for  
hour-loooong  
drag  
&  
drop  
Vista  
Experience  
via  
Explorer!!!

Next  
job  
is  
to  
get  
dual-boot  
going!

I  
tried  
to  
get  
dual  
boot  
to  
work  
with  
two  
'doze  
sessions  
(bringing  
up  
a  
new  
drive)  
but  
one  
kept

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stomping  
all  
over  
the  
other,  
turning  
both  
to  
mush.

It will work  
with Linux.  
Unfortunately  
my WLAN  
hardware is  
not  
recognised  
when  
test-booting  
from a  
Knoppix  
CD so there  
will be  
work to be  
done here.

I intend on trying that,  
though I'm not too  
optimistic that the  
Linux will find enough of  
my hardware to make it  
useful. I've given  
up (at least temporarily)  
trying to get Linux to work  
on my desktop,  
and that should have been a  
piece of cake.

Just for curiosity, what is the desktop  
hardware configuration? (MOBO,  
CPU, RAM size, optional stuff like video,  
audio, etc.,)

Tyan K8W (S-2875S), Opteron, 3GB, Matrox G550 (all the  
rest of the  
stuff is integrated), two monitors (one DVI, one VGA). SuSE  
refuses  
to deal with the second monitor and a few other issues and  
forget  
Ubuntu. I can't get past the live CD. Installing is no help.

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I was running SuSE 9.0 on it for a year or so, but gave up on 10.0 and never went back.

How strange, but maybe not. Suse 10.0 and 10.1 were a bit flaky. Try 10.3, it is real nice IME. Handles my A64-X2 dual core nicely and is very clean. Radeon X2600 and 22 inch 19:10 flat panel as well. 10/100/1000 Ethernet, high d 7.2 sound on MOBO. Getting XP running was ten times the hassle, mostly over sound.

I tried Suse for a couple of months.  
It was hellish.  
If I ever give Linux another go it will probably be with Ubuntu.

As I indicated a while back, I found Ubuntu to be totally unusable (i/e uninstalleable). The display was unreadable (~.001pt fonts).

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Keith

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