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- *From:* Dirk Bruere at NeoPax <dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxxxx>
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krw wrote:

In article <6fqq7sFcq69aU5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxxxx says...

JosephKK wrote:

On Sun, 3 Aug 2008 19:41:44 -0400, [krw](mailto:krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
<krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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

On Sun, 3 Aug 2008
10:09:22 -0400, [krw](mailto:krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
<krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

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

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

In
article
<48942f36\$1\$56778\$edfadb0f@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
frithiof.jensen@xx
says...

"Martin

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Brown"

<|||newspam|||@nezumi.demon.co.uk>

skrev

i

meddelelsen

news:e58eb\$488c730c\$998@xxxxxxxxxxxxx

My
only
copy
of
Vista
came
preinstalled
and
is
sufficiently
unstable
on
a
Toshiba
laptop
that
I
would
never
recommend
anyone
to
use
it.

I
actually
got
Vista
to
a
useable
state
—
meaning:
About
the
same
speed
as
the
old
1.2

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GHz
Athlon
64
+
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

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slower
than
a
decent
desktop.

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

Did the
tooth fairy
vist you last
night?

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

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is
a
lapdog
one
can
also
set
the
HDD
to
use
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

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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:

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

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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.

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

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for...

Anyways:

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

*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
stomping
all
over
the
other,
turning

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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,

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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.

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).

Which release?

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Dirk

<http://www.transcendence.me.uk/> – Transcendence UK
<http://www.theconsensus.org/> – A UK political party
<http://www.onetribeme.uk/wordpress/?cat=5> – Our podcasts on weird stuff

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