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On Wed, 06 Aug 2008 23:17:19 +0100, Dirk Bruere at NeoPax  
<[dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxx](mailto:dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

krw wrote:

In article <[6fqq7sFcq69aU5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:6fqq7sFcq69aU5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>,  
[dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxx](mailto:dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxx) says...

JosephKK wrote:

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

In article  
<[48pb949b553rahfdhtpu82kk535u8ljb13@xxxxxxx](mailto:48pb949b553rahfdhtpu82kk535u8ljb13@xxxxxxx)>,  
[quiettechblue@xxxxxxxx](mailto:quiettechblue@xxxxxxxx)  
says...

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

In  
article  
<[48959a6e\\$0\\$56787\\$edfadb0f@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:48959a6e$0$56787$edfadb0f@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>,  
[frithiof.jensen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:frithiof.jensen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
says...

"krw"  
<[krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>  
skrev  
i  
meddelelsen

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news:MPG.22fe1949a3fccd01989f4b@xxxxxxxxxxxx

In  
article  
<48942f36\$1\$56778\$edfadb0f@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
frithiof.jensen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
says...

"Martin  
Brown"  
<|||newspam|||@nezumi.demon.co.uk  
skrev  
i  
meddelelsen  
news:e58eb\$488c730c\$998@xxxxxx

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

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meaning:

About  
the  
same  
speed  
as  
the  
old  
1.2  
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

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the  
memory  
bottleneck.  
A  
laptop  
will  
also  
be  
significantly  
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

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away  
all  
the  
RAM  
and  
"Readyboost"  
which  
I  
will  
never  
use.  
Since  
it  
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.

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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

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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  
for...

Anyways:  
<http://www.howtogeek.com/howto/w>

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

Next  
job

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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  
both  
to  
mush.

It  
will  
work  
with  
Linux.  
Unfortunately  
my  
WLAN  
hardware  
is  
not  
recognised  
when  
test-booting  
from

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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.

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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 uninstallable). The display was unreadable (~.001pt fonts).

Which release?

Since you mention it, which Suse release gave trouble and on what  
hardware?

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