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- *From:* JosephKK <quiettechblue@xxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Thu, 07 Aug 2008 19:50:35 -0700
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On Thu, 7 Aug 2008 06:16:40 -0400, krw <krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In article <1ork941paslicds5too66i3vl6burivl3q@xxxxxxxx>, quiettechblue@xxxxxxxx says...

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

krw wrote:

In article <6fqq7sFcq69aU5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, dirk.bruere@xxxxxxxx says...

JosephKK wrote:

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

In
article
<48pb949b553rahfdhtpu82kk535u8ljb13@xxxxxxxx>, quiettechblue@xxxxxxxx says...

On
Sun,
3
Aug
2008
10:09:22
-0400,

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krw
<krw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

In
article
<48959a6e\$0\$56787\$edfadb0f@xxxxxxxxxx
frithiof.jensen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
says...

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

In
article
<48942f36\$1\$56778\$edfadb
frithiof.jensen@xxxxxxxxxx
says...

"Martin
Brown"
<|||newspam|||@nezu
skrev
i
meddelelsen
news:e58eb\$488c73

My
only
copy
of
Vista
came
preinstalled
and
is
sufficiently
unstable
on
a
Toshiba
laptop
that
I
would

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never
recommend
anyone
to
use
it.

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

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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
desktop.

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

Did
the
tooth
fairy
vist
you
last
night?

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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
is
a
lapdog
one
can
also
set
the
HDD
to
use
maximum
buffering
because
we
have
backup
power.

HDD
buffering
has

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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

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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.

You
don't
use
removable
storage?
Printers?

Names
are
misleading:
The

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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
for...

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Anyways:
<http://www.howtoge>

*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
both
to
mush.

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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.

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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

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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

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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?

Same hardware[*]; SuSE 10.0. SuSE 9.0 worked, sorta. At least I could trick it into recognizing both displays (it really didn't want to). It wasn't perfect and it seemed that the SuSE and Matrox folks had a long running pissing contest going.

[*] I chose SuSE for its early 64bit support and "full package".

Understood. Since 7.0 most *.0 Suse releases are buggy. If it gets up to *.2 or higher it is pretty stable. Select distribution and version with care. Testing with the current Knoppix is a pretty good way to detect potential problems. Also try maximizing the ram available.

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