Subject: Any linux users out there?
Posted by reborn on Wed, 11 May 2005 10:07:09 GMT
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My hard drive that i boot from is failing me miserably, my os is freezing, crashing, hanging and falling to pieces...
I have ordered a new Western Digital one (just so that my storage HD and primary HD match, something that has always annoyed me).

Now seeing as I am gonna have to do what I should of done about Six Months ago and have to re-install Windows, i might aswell take this time to make it dual bootable and get linux on there too...
Anyone a linux user here? any suggestions to a good distro? I have fedora version 9 (shrike) downloaded from a while ago, and i have the latest mandriva distro too (10.2)...
The main things I want from it are:
Dual bootable so I can run windows xp pro and the linux distro (I know mandiva is good for this)
Support for as many drivers as possible (my machine is custom made and has some weird drivers on it, I have the drivers for windows, but am a linux newbie so it could be a problem)
All linux distro's are pretty secure so that isn't my main priority.
A built in linux remote desktop tool would be nice, the client and server too if possible... I want to use it to remote to a web-server that runs linux (redhat), if that helps (dont know if they have to be similar distro or not :/
I am not bothered too much about how long it can run for without a re-boot as I will mainly be working in windows anyway.
Not much to ask for is it?

Any helpful suggestions would be appreciated

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Posted by Weirdo on Wed, 11 May 2005 12:20:55 GMT
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I guess with Fedora 9 you mean Red Hat 9. Fedora is based on Red Hat but the latest release is Fedora Core 3. My own pc runs fedora core 3.

Dual bootable shouldn't be a problem altough you might need to know how to partition you disk proberly.

Fedora Core 3 comes with a client to connect to a remote deskop, but I'm not sure if there is a server application. I seriously doubt there is any reason that you should have the same distro to connect to the other pc. It could be that the complete OS' doesn't matter but I have no experience with setting up a Remote Desktop.

What I could recommend when using you pc to connect to a diffrent linux machine is learn to use the simple text terminal commands. If you want to command a remote linux server a text terminal should be all you need. You can use ssh to connect to a text terminal on the server. Of course if you do this it is necissary to know a bit of how the linux commands work.

About drivers I have no idea. I run my box on a p3 450 with a voodoo5500 PCI and a studioworks 775n monitor and some other stuff. But the monitor is the only thing I haven't been able to set up right.

Maximum uptime should be unlimited, altough my old HD was a bit cranky after a month uptime. He started to bite people so we had to put him to sleep   . You don't want to know how hard it is in these times to find a new 30 GB HD. My motherboard won't take HD above 32.

Subject: Re: Any linux users out there?
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I personally use Fedora because it was built of RedHat Linux. If you are going to use Fedora, you should probably update to the most recent version.

I'm almost positive that fedora has a built in remote access server. To connect to it you can probably just use RealVNC. I have never tried either the server or connecting to the server with that client. I know that RealVNC does work good and the viewer is free.

I'm far from an expert but I was stuck in your shoes a month ago.