

Re: Debian put into a broken state

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Solved this, pretty much. Basically, when I upgraded, two things happened that I didn't know about. One, the kernel driver for my network card stopped getting loaded; something happened during dist-upgrade or upgrade that caused it to be removed from the list of modules to load. I compiled the driver static in the kernel and the network was able to load after that. Also, kdm apparently was un-installed by something during dist-upgrade or upgrade. So, once I got the network back up, removing and re-installing various things got me back in working order.

Sean O'Dell

On Thursday 01 April 2004 12:11 pm, Sean O'Dell wrote:

> *On Thursday 01 April 2004 12:00 pm, Alan Chandler wrote:*
> > *On Thursday 01 April 2004 20:39, Sean O'Dell wrote:*
> > > *I'm new to Debian, and this morning I put a half-way finished*
> > > *installation into a broken state and I can't figure out how to get it*
> > > *back on track.*
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> > > *Basically, I was trying to get a KDE machine working, and this morning*
> > > *I added non-free and contrib to my sources.list file so I could install*
> > > *the nvidia driver. I had the machine working primitively with*
> > > *networking+dhcpcd working, but KDE wasn't running yet because I needed*
> > > *to install the nvidia driver. I had both testing and unstable sources*
> > > *in sources.list in order to get KDE 3.2 installed. After adding*
> > > *non-free and contrib to my sources this morning, I ran apt-get update,*
> > > *dist-upgrade and upgrade, then apt-get install nvidia-glx. I rebooted*
> > > *the system after that*
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> > *Its been a while since I worked with the nvidia drivers, but don't you*
> > *have to build them from source once you've downloaded the debian package?*
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> *I honestly don't know...I never got far enough to see what the nvidia-glx*
> *package I installed would do. After I installed it, I rebooted to see what*
> *state everything would be in and it ended up in a broken state.*
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> > > *to see how it would all go, and at that point, things were pretty*
> > > *funky.*

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> > > *eth0 isn't up, I can't get dhcpcd to start, and now I can't even get*
> > > *kdm to*
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> > *What happened when the should have started – was there any error on the*
> > *console?*
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> *Basically, it booted up pretty quietly. I got a console, but ifconfig*
> *reported only lo being initialized. eth0 was never brought up.*
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> > > *report anything in /var/log/kdm.log nor XFree86 to report anything in*
> > > */var/log/XFree86.0.log...they apparently both die before they can even*
> > > *log anything.*
> >
> > *XFree86.0.log is the day old log. Is there no new log. Did X even try*
> > *to start?*
>
> *It doesn't look like it to me. When I run /etc/init.d/kdm start, I get*
> *nothing printing to the console, no new XFree86.0.log and no kde.log files.*
> *It just dies quickly and quietly.*
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> > > *What should I do to get things straightened back out? What did I do to*
> > > *get things into this state?*
> > >
> > > *Just in case, I've included my /etc/apt/sources.list file. Is there*
> > > *anything else I should provide for reference?*
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> > *Need much clearer description of exactly what happened during start up.*
> > *Are you left with a login prompt on the text console?*
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> *It just boots up very quietly and quickly. The only error I get is Alsa is*
> *unhappy with something (I think a module isn't installed that it wants),*
> *but everything else goes okay. I get no errors reported about eth0 not*
> *coming up, and no errors in /var/log/messages. XFree86.0.log and kdm.log*
> *don't even exist anymore...everything related to XFree86 and KDE dies*
> *before any log files can be generated. dhcpcd is still installed...it just*
> *doesn't initialize eth0.*
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> *I wish I knew what else to report. After the dist-upgrade, upgrade and*
> *installing nvidia-glx, it just went into this funky state and I can't*
> *figure out how to roll it back to where the network would at least*
> *initialize.*
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> *Sean O'Dell*

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