

## Re: sarge dist-upgrade "Package is in a very bad inconsistent state"

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>From Carlos Sousa on Monday, 2004-09-06 at 22:38:14 +0100:

> On Mon, 6 Sep 2004 23:18:25 +0200 Conrad Newton wrote:

> [...]

>> *It is not an answer to your question, and maybe it is not even*

>> *relevant to your problem, but I am having similar problems*

>> *here with tetex-base. When I try to correct the problem,*

>> *I get a system crash or even trigger a reboot.*

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>> *The system is a mixture of testing and unstable (pinned to*

>> *testing, but with several major applications upgraded).*

>> *I have had numerous instabilities lately, and thought*

>> *that I might improve the situation by upgrading to*

>> *unstable (my unstable box works just fine), but instead*

>> *things look worse than ever . . .*

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>> *For example, I was just going to try the following*

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>> *apt-get -f install*

>> *dpkg --configure -a*

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>> *but already at the first step, I get a reboot!!!?????!!!*

>> *What could be causing this?*

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> *Sure smells a lot like hardware trouble (memory?). Better be*

> *ready with your backups...*

I did a memtest check today, and the results were the same as two years ago: failure with test #5, but otherwise OK. What this means is that I cannot compile kernels or glibc on the box (I first became aware of this problem because I tried to install gentoo), but otherwise the box has been working fine for the last six years, with various Linux distributions, and without any file corruption.

I suspect the root problem affecting memtest is not the memory, but the processor itself, as there are reported problems with the AMD K6-300 MHz.

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