

# Getting Sluggish

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Can anyone help with some tips on how to improve my systems responsiveness? I am using SID on a P42.2GHZ/1GB Ram system. Most of my problems are with firefox. It sometimes takes a few seconds just to move between form fields (i click and wait for the cursor to start blinking in the field). I am also seeing instability in KDE (usually when browsing media folders), sometimes konqueror will crash.

In additon name resolution in firefox is very slow (several seconds per new url). I can go out to a shell and ping and get name resolution nearly instantly.

This is my first foray into debian and my longest into linux (several previous failed attempts but i haven't booted to windows in over a month now). I am still quite new at this and just looking for some advice. I am tempted to take the easy way out and just backup and re-install but then when it happens again I won't know how to fix it.

I am also considering compiling firefox from source to tryo to fix its problems. But I am not sure if that will help at all. I am not sure what to do about KDE.

I apologize if I have missed obvious documentation on the subject but are there any 'newbie' friendly guides to performance tuning a debian, or linux in general, system that anyone can point out?

Thanks!

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