

System will not reboot

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Hi,

Today I have taken out two IDE harddisks (RAID1 set with Sarge installed on them) from computer A and put them in computer B. Both A and B are older machines, with exactly the same CPUs. A has more RAM (256 MB) than B (96 MB), but that does not seem to make much of a difference. After plugging both disks in the system B boots fine as far as I can tell, I had to fiddle with the network settings and it's working nicely now. To my pleasant surprise, I might add.

My only problem (so far) is that computer B would not reboot upon issuing the reboot command. It never had this problem when it was still running Woody (from a single disk). Now the system will terminate all daemons, shut down networking, unmount disks etc. – then the screen goes black and the system stalls indefinitely. I can't find anything in the logs that I recognize as being related to the problem.

Extra bonus problem: I am now 50 km away from this computer and will not be able to go there in three or four days (shop closed). I can control the box by VPN, but I fear doing anything that would require a reboot before I'm convinced it will work... I'm just glad that the thing does not have to do anything critical just yet.

So, what would you do? :)

(apart from waiting a few days, drive up there and reinstall from scratch)

Can I force Sarge to rescan all hardware? What would be clever diagnostics in this case?

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Met vriendelijke groet,
Olav.

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