

slrn crash -- froze everything

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A couple weeks ago I had a problem while using slrn, with an error writing to file after I tried to exit. The input/output error messages I got suggested a hard drive problem, but that came to nothing. The whole thing was discussed in another thread here.

A few days ago I tried to start slrn with a different news-server (one which I hadn't yet created a .jnewsrsrc file for, my mistake). This immediately froze the whole system - no cursor movement, no keyboard shortcuts, no access to a text terminal with C-A-F1. I had to power off to get control back. Unfortunately, I've been working round the clock in the lab, and didn't have time to immediately sniff around for clues or call for help.

I properly created the .jnewsrsrc file, and I haven't had a problem since. However, I'm concerned that I've now had two system-wide crashes while using slrn. I didn't think this sort of thing was possible with Linux. Is it possible for a bug in slrn to crash my whole system? If not, any clues for chasing down the source of these mysterious problems?

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Regards,

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