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On Sun, Mar 30, 2008 at 8:26 AM, jeffry s <[paragasu@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:paragasu@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Sun, Mar 30, 2008 at 10:11 AM, Rich Healey <[healey.rich@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:healey.rich@xxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----  
Hash: SHA1

Chris Bannister wrote:

On Wed, Mar 26, 2008 at 09:12:06AM -0500, Preston Boyington wrote:

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<snipped>

Where are your bottlenecks?

currently my two biggest bottlenecks are with the networking and the MTA. i installed "ifplugd" and set a faster timeout for the network

and

that has helped. i don't really "need" a MTA for my laptop and will

be

looking for some alternative. have thought about just removing Exim

and

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dealing with whatever dependency issues arise. i can always just

look

at the log files for info if i need to.

I think that is a DNS lookup issue.

I altered the link from  
/bin/sh to point to /bin/dash  
instead of  
/bin/bash but I'm not sure if  
I got a big improvement. It  
seems  
reasonably fast though. :-)

i have been using zsh recently and it has  
worked pretty well so far.

No, the shell \*you\* use is determined by the line in  
/etc/passwd. What

I

meant was the shell used to execute the initscripts.

What does:

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# ls -al /bin/sh
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produce?

If it comes back as pointing to /bin/bash then try pointing  
/bin/sh to  
/bin/dash and see if there is any improvement.

use xfce4 instead of gnome or kde. it help a lot. my laptop is old  
via c3 processor. run more happy with xfce. using gnome will take some  
time  
to open window especially nautilus use so much resource.

I'm using xfce4 now. It seems to me it's also getting slower (been using for

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a long time now), I'm wondering if there's any tools to analyze the system performance?

Thanks.