

Re: Windows key suddenly dies (FC4)

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To: For users of Fedora Core releases <fedora-list@redhat.com>

On 7/27/05, Øyvind Stegard <oyvinst@ifi.uio.no> wrote:

> Hi,

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> I've been having a problem lately where my left Windows key suddenly
> dies on me and stops generating keyboard events. This is extremely
> annoying as I use it as a modifier for many shortcuts to apps, desktop
> switching and window management. It seems to happen randomly, and I have
> to totally power off/on my laptop to get it working again. Sometimes,
> though, it randomly starts working again. I see no patterns, nor any
> offending X apps. Tried killing wm [Metacity], does not help. The
> problem is perhaps all the way into the kernel, since the 'showkey'
> command shows no generated events when I press it (same when X isn't
> running). Nothing about unknown keys in dmesg, either. xev shows
> nothing. This has never happened with Linux on this laptop before, and
> I've been using Fedora on it since FC2. The key in itself is certainly
> not broken, physically.

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> Some (hopefully) relevant info:

> * I'm using Norwegian keyboard layout (no) on a Compaq Presario laptop.

> * Using Gnome

> * kernel-2.6.12-1.1398_FC4

> * xorg-x11-6.8.2-37

> * gcc-4.0.1-3.fc4

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> The latest "big" system update was gcc (and thus libgcc, libstdc++,
> ...), and I cannot recall it happening before this. I'd greatly
> appreciate if anyone knew something about this or could point me into
> bugzilla (have searched, but too many "Zarro Boogs found" gets old
> really quickly >8[).

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