

Re: x86_64 or i386?

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On Thu, Aug 17, 2006 at 10:38:16AM -0700, Mike Hix wrote:

I have recently upgraded my hardware, upgrading to FC5, and I'm wondering whether to use i386 or x86_64.

[...]

Any additional information about the x86_64 packages and software availability would be nice. Google wasn't very forthcoming on the subject.

You can run i386 packages on x86_64, thanks to the frankenstein's monstrosity that is multilib. And you'll probably see a performance increase, but I haven't actually seen much by way of measuring the difference in a normal desktop Linux workload on the two.

Be aware that Macromedia doesn't produce a 64-bit Flash player, so if Youtube is important to you, you'll need to run i386 Firefox even on x86_64. Depending on what you're doing, this may be enough of a pain that it's easier to just stick with i386 across the board.

Thanks!

– Mike

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