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On Tue, May 22, 2007 at 06:56:40PM -0400, Dave Jones wrote:

On Tue, May 22, 2007 at 03:17:18PM -0700, Greg Kroah-Hartman wrote:

>>> I haven't found a single distro that (a) makes it trivial to add PCI IDs at
>>> install time, and then (b) ensures those PCI IDs remain persistent for each
>>> boot. We are not at all to the "just works" stage yet.
>>>
>>> Well, SuSE handles this just fine, but I do notice that RHEL 5 disables
>>> the new_id stuff entirely, so I can see why you might get this
>>> impression :)
>>
>> That's news to me. I didn't even realise it was possible to disable this.
>> Pointer?
>
> Jon Masters told me this last week at FreedomHEC, so I don't have a
> pointer to the patch that disables it, sorry.

Either there's some miscommunication, or bonghits.

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(18:54:00:davej@gelk:kernel-2.6.18)$ kdiff vanilla/drivers/pci/pci-driver.c  
linux-2.6.18.noarch/drivers/pci/pci-driver.c  
(18:54:10:davej@gelk:kernel-2.6.18)$
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And as there's no CONFIG option other than CONFIG_HOTPLUG (which we obviously enable)

I don't see any reason why this wouldn't be enabled in RHEL5.

(And I think mdomsch would have probably had a fit if he found out we were disabling it, but that's another story ;-)

I thought so too, which is why I was so surprised when Jon said it.

Jon, is this really true, or was it the symptom of the 3rd pot of coffee you were on that day? :)

thanks,

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