

# performance problems while copying large data

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hi all,

i run a lowish spec box as my gateway server and file server. i've just put a 120GIG USB Mass Storage device in it and am busy copying about 15 gig of data across to it (from my existing IDE which is on the same hdd that runs the OS). my girlfriend, who is working from home is experiencing a lot of disconnects on MSN messenger and performance problems with the network.

i tried pinging the box and noticed a large packet loss:  
29 packets transmitted, 21 packets received, 27% packet loss  
round-trip min/avg/max = 49.4/230.7/604.9 ms

i understand that the box is doing a fair amount of disk work at the moment – but surely this sort of performance degradation is a bit much!? is there anything cunning i can do to try and improve this?

if not, and i don't mean this as an attack at all (I've been a linux user for about 5 years now and love it), does this prove that linux is not as powerful and wonderful as we all think it is?

regards,  
michael

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