

RH9 vs Fedora vs RHEL-3-WS

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First, this is an observation not an opinion. :-)

My HW is a Dual Xeon 2.8GHz on an Intel SE7505VB2. It has 1GB of RAM, an Nvidia GeForce FX 5200 running the drivers from Nvidia.

My current OS is a fully up2date RH9.

I also run VMware. The OSs I had been running are WinXP, Win2K, Win2003 Server, RH7.3, RH9, RHEL-2.1-WS.

Since I have a fully licensed version of RHEL-2.1-WS I found that I was eligible to download RHEL-3-WS. So, I did that and installed it as a guest OS in VMware.

While experimenting with RHEL-3-WS I noticed, curiously enough, that things just seemed to be going much quicker than in the other RH OS I've been using in VMware. I thought it strange since it is a VM and is running with under the RH9 OS.

I then decided to run out and get a new disk to do a "native" install of RHEL-3-WS. I had been running a 160GB SATA drive from Western Digital. I stayed with WD but decided to go with the 250GB drive. Same rotation, same cache.

Low and behold RHEL-3-WS is faster than RH9 or Fedora on my hardware. I observed an overall 20-30% decrease in the amount of time for most operations.

An extreme illustration is the time it takes for the first user to login to a KDE desktop after the system has been booted. The first login following a reboot takes about 53 seconds when I boot to RH9. With RHEL-3-WS it takes about 18 seconds. The difference is less on subsequent logins. But, in all cases RHEL-3-WS gets me there quicker.

Things like Evolution start in a flash on RHEL while it takes noticeably longer (but not really annoying) on RH9.

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Again, just my observation. YMMV....

Now, I do have a bit of migration work to do since RHEL-3-WS doesn't support all the drivers/devices that RH9 does. For example, it doesn't install bttv (video capture) by default. You have to install it from an rpm labeled "unsupported".

Yet, I still will move to RHEL-3-WS very shortly. The cost of a subscription is not, IMHO, too high when you consider it breaks down to about \$0.25/day. Besides, Red Hat stock has gone up by 130% since I bought it a while back. :-) :-)

Regards,
Ed

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- Clint Eastwood as Harry Callahan, The Dead Pool - 1988.

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