

Re: [SLE] Managing Upgrade from 9.2 to 9.3

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Michael Nelson wrote:

> *On Sun, Apr 17, 2005 at 05:43:24PM -0400, Bruce Marshall wrote:*

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>> *Don't blame the product.... Upgrading is a complex issue.*

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> *I know that.*

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> *But I did a clean (format / and /boot partitions) install, and also STILL*

> *cannot find my SB Audigy card, and hotplug/coldplug/lukewarmplug STILL can't*

> *get anything on my USB going (most notably, my printer).*

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> *ALL of that stuff worked in 9.2 yesterday and in all versions of Linux I*

> *have tried since installing the hardware several years ago, and it all still*

> *works in WinXP when I dual boot into that particular septic tank of an OS.*

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> *It does NOT work in SuSE 9.3.*

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> *BTW, I'm not a newbie. I have been running Linux since I downloaded*

> *0.98—something on floppies quite a few years back. I have seen a LOT of*

> *distributions and done a LOT of installs, and SuSE just keeps getting worse.*

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> *Michael*

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Many of us hit problems upgrading and installing 9.2, including a friend who could only get a fresh install on a new HD going by partially installing XP, killing the install and then 9.2 went OK, this was repeatable. I had my problems upgrading, x86_64 laptop went through OK after many retries, x86 on this Athlon box just wouldn't, so I had to do a fresh install without reformatting the partitions. x86 on the other laptop, fresh install was OK. Since then I had to do a fresh install on this Athlon box, also OK. Basically SuSE upgrades don't seem to be the smooth operation they used to be.

I missed delivery of my 9.3 today, so my plan is to clone my drive and upgrade/install to the clone, whichever works. On the x86_64 laptop my

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options are fewer, so I shall back up stuff to the USB IDE drive, then have a go upgrading, if that fails, do a fresh install without reformatting and restore stuff from the USB drive once I have a basic working system.

Likewise, I started with the first version Linux put up for ftp, booting from floppy, then on HD with bootlace and shoelace from Minix which I was very familiar with, though SLS, MCC, Caldera, RedHat and finally SuSE, Mandrake and gentoo, installed RedHat on SPARC and SuSE on zSeries mainframes/clones, but I never had the sort of trouble I had with 9.2 (upgrade), handled big Solaris installs and upgrades all smoothly – if ever you can imagine a smooth Solaris install, but 9.1 --> 9.2 did bring out the frustration and that was the first experience of its kind with Linux and it gets to you – the lid is very likely to BLOW! – much like with a smooth Solaris upgrade/install.

Regards

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