

Re: Switching to rack based systems

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Davide Bianchi <davideyeahsure@onlyforfun.net> wrote:

> *On 2004-10-16, Christopher Browne <cbbrowne@acm.org> wrote:*

>> *What seems to happen is that once it goes into the rack, in a
>> remote room, that "out of sight, out of mind" leads to there being
>> less of a need to upgrade/maintain it. It just stays there,
>> working.*

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> *And this bring the second 'con' part: buy the machine right the
> first time. Because sometimes you just can't add any more memory or
> disk or whatever, so be sure that the specs are correct before
> installing.*

Memory, as an issue, doesn't really change for rackmounts. If you're using the same motherboard as you would in a "tower box," the fact that it's a rackmount doesn't do anything to especially limit the amount of memory you can have.

Furthermore, if you buy a "server-oriented" motherboard, it's a little more likely that you'll have more memory slots.

But as for disk, I suppose you're at least partially right. If there is less space in the box, that means there is less space into which you could add disk drives. On the other hand, adding a disk array is pretty easy; you have a good place to mount it nearby :-).

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`http://www3.sympatico.ca/cbbrowne/internet.html`

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