

Mandrak 9.1 off the deep end on occasion

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I've had to reinstall this whole distribution about every other month. Other than it's lacking some things (like say migration from 9.1 to 9.2 to 10.0 without downloading ISO's that have no way of verifying there are errors until you've wasted your entire months worth of bandwidth in frustration).

Anyhow what happens is that it sometimes doesn't shutdown cleanly (like every week) then it goes through the 'repair the bad partition' panic. Then bit by bit the installation totally DIES. First networking goes heck if I can find why it died (wading through the scripts is like wading through a swamp).

So the questions are

1) why does it not shut down properly? It looks to me as if a process hangs while it's being taken down (I shut down one night and got up the next day with the stupid thing still on complaining about something is still busy)

2) Why does the recovery process loose information or corrupt files? Perhaps I need to add scripts to check for corruption of the last set of configuration in /etc? Then recover damaged files as needed?

3) It corrupts the /root partition last of all. HOW it's always been unmounted cleanly at least Mandrake says it is. Then another partition is marked not being unmounted correctly. FINALLY it kills the root partition. It's a steady progressive DEATH it seems.

So the real question is.. how can I not be cleaning up the mess on this machine as it dies? I ran slackware on this very machine for 3 years NO SUCH PROBLEMS EVER. Granted it was eons old but it still worked.

I will worry about USB devices not working when I don't have my computer committing hirikiri regularly.

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