

## Re: 7.2 and 9.0 freeze

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- *From:* General Schvanzkoph <[schvanzkoph@xxxxxxxxxx](mailto:schvanzkoph@xxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Wed, 05 Jul 2006 08:22:22 -0400
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On Tue, 04 Jul 2006 20:40:33 -0700, Robert Heiling wrote:

Some Other Somebody Else wrote:

On Tue, 04 Jul 2006 12:25:38 -0700, Robert Heiling  
<[robheil@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:robheil@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

General Schvanzkoph wrote:

On Tue, 04 Jul 2006 11:30:02 -0700, Robert  
Heiling wrote:

General Schvanzkoph  
wrote:

On Tue, 04  
Jul 2006  
10:56:01  
-0700,  
Robert  
Heiling  
wrote:

I  
recently  
rescued  
a  
1995-vintage  
pentium  
233  
from  
the

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back  
corner  
of  
my  
garage  
and  
returned  
the  
borrowed  
hardware  
to  
it  
–  
floppy,  
HD's  
8.4GB,  
6.4GB,  
&  
1.6GB.  
FC5,  
as  
I  
have  
here,  
is  
out  
of  
the  
question  
for  
that  
old  
machine,  
so  
I  
installed  
RH7.2.  
It  
seemed  
to  
be  
running  
Ok,  
but  
there  
was  
a  
problem  
when  
it  
was

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left  
unattended.

I  
think  
the  
screen  
saver  
was  
taking  
effect  
and  
I'd  
find  
it  
frozen  
with  
a  
blank  
screen.  
Space  
bar  
and/or  
mouse  
movement  
would  
not  
get  
it  
to  
come  
back  
to  
life.

So  
I  
fresh  
installed  
RH9.0  
(everything)  
and  
it  
now  
freezes  
at  
the  
text  
"login:"  
prompt.  
This  
looks

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familiar,  
but  
I  
can't  
remember  
the  
problem.

I've  
run  
memtest86  
for  
a  
day  
and  
there  
were  
zero  
errors.  
Win98  
has  
been  
installed  
on  
hdb-6.4GB  
(the  
1.6GB  
is  
setup  
as  
linux  
swap)  
now  
and  
it  
runs  
without  
any  
problems,  
so  
I  
doubt  
that  
the  
freezing  
is  
any  
sort  
of  
hardware  
problem.

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Does  
this  
sound  
familiar  
to  
anyone?

Bob

I don't think  
that the  
resource  
requirements  
for FC5 are  
all that  
much  
greater than  
they were  
for RH9.  
You might  
want to try  
it and see  
what  
happens.

I hadn't mentioned the other  
specs of this 233MMX  
machine, but the release  
notes  
for FC5 indicate that the  
128MB memory it has will  
not support graphics for  
either install or operation.  
That was my experience a  
few days ago when I  
started an install with just  
the first CD of FC5. I've  
also started installs of  
ubuntu 6.06, suse 10.0, &  
centos4.2 just to see what  
they look like, before  
loading RH9 which I've had  
for quite awhile.

You could  
also give  
Damn

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Small Linux  
a try, it's  
much  
lighter  
weight than  
RH9 was  
and it's  
using  
modern  
components.

True. That are lots of  
alternatives, but right now  
I'd like to solve a problem  
that shouldn't be  
happening.:)

Bob

If you really want to get RH9 working your  
best bet would be to search for  
your problems in Google Groups and see if  
you can dredge up an answer that  
someone posted when RH9 was current.  
RH9 is so old that most of us have  
forgotten the fine details of it's problems.

I was only hoping that it might be a configuration problem  
that I could edit and  
that someone here might remember off the top of their head.

Using a contemporary  
lightweight distro means that there will be  
other current users to answer  
questions. DSL is so small (50 MBytes) that  
you can download it in a few  
minutes. If I were you I'd burn a DSL live  
CD and try it. If it works  
satisfactorily then you can forget about  
getting RH9 to work.

That isn't what I want to do. It will take me less time to  
simply reinstall with  
a different configuration and see if that does the trick. It  
wasn't supposed to  
happen in the first place, so that may be the easiest fix.

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If you really prefer to use an old Red Hat version at this point rather than switch distributions, you should at least use the [fedoralegacy.org](http://fedoralegacy.org) updates (available for 7.3 and 9, though not for 7.2). That might solve the problem.

Now that's responsive to my posted question. I'll take a look at those. Thanks!

I used 7.3 with only 128MB RAM a few years ago and it seemed tolerable, though I would guess some applications (OpenOffice?) would have had trouble if I'd tried them, regardless of the distribution. Even if you go with DSL or something, you might want to see whether the system will accept more RAM (and whether you can find compatible RAM cheap enough).

The RedHat 6.0 disks are still laying around, so I know that was installed on it back then and I think there was something else I had on it prior to that (non-RedHat). So it's not the first time that linux has been on it and the motive is not simply to get some linux running on it. This exercise is solely for experimentation and I won't be putting any money into hardware either as the computer isn't worth it. This system that I'm on now boots FC4, FC5, Win2K and WinXP, so I don't need that other one for anything other than the fact that I was going to connect it to my LAN and do some experiments. I have another one to try if that one doesn't work out.

Thanks for the tip.

Bob

I seem to remember that RH6.x was pretty buggy. RH7.3 worked well and I used it for a long time. I was very unhappy with RH8 and RH9, as I recall the performance of those releases sucked. I stuck with 7.3 through the RH8 era and then when RH9 came along and it was worse than RH8 I switched to Mandrake for a while and stayed with it until I got my first Athlon64 system. Mandrake 10 had terrible A64 support so I switched back to Fedora. If you are looking to run an old RH on that system I'd use 7.3 not 9.

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