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General Schvantzkopf wrote:

On Thu, 14 Feb 2008 13:38:10 -0800, bosl3y1j wrote:

Just finish attending a Redhat Admin course and got a free set of Redhat Server 5 CD's. I tried to install on a brand new hard drive but it comes up to the install screen there is a message that says "Unknown keyword in Config File" .When I choose any of the 3 options it tells me it can't find the kernel. I talked with my instructor and was told that it may be something in my BIOS. We tried serveral sets of CD' with the same failure.He gave me Fedora 7 and it loaded right up. He thinks there may be an update from Redhat that was implemented on Fedora7 but not pushed out on Redhat Server 5. Anybody have any info??

Thanks

Jack

RHEL uses a hideously obsolete kernel, Fedora is up to date. RHEL is targeted at servers which change more slowly than desktops and laptops although I'm not sure how they get away with using old kernels even in the server world. If you aren't running commercial software that requires RHEL you should use Fedora. Fedora is up to the minute whereas RHEL is frozen in time. A RHEL release is feature frozen many months before it's initial release, after that there are bug and security fixes but no new features or new kernels. If you do need to run a piece of commercial software that won't run on Fedora you can use VMware to run RHEL on top of Fedora, I run CentOS5.1 and CentOS4.5 on top of Fedora. Virtualization separates the hardware compatibility problem from the software compatibility problem.

Or if you're a cheap bastard, you can use Xen to run most Linuxes and UNIX's para-virtualized for a performance benefit, or fully virtualized with a contemporary virtualization supporting CPU for many other OS's.

Can't run SCO OpenServer with Xen though, dang it!

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