

Inherited FreeBSD machine without: firewall, proxy (i.e. squid) and RAID management

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Good morning list,

The company I work for has brought some web serving in-house. We now have a machine from a subcontractor that is running FreeBSD 4.11. It is a production web server responsible for generating data from the database and presenting it (in Zope, yuck.)

I would like to create a firewall, add caching so that the web pages get served more quickly, and find out when the RAID disks are failing, right now I can tell when that happens because the database slows to a crawl.

Does anyone have any advice?

I am aware of excellent FreeBSD firewalling software which I will most likely use. I am also familiar with squid – is this my best bet for caching web pages so that the site appears to load faster? I can see from dmesg.boot that the relevant RAID apparatus is a <COMPAQ RAID 1 VOLUME inte> Fixed Direct Access SCSI-0 device, what would be the right software to monitor this volume? Obviously not vinum since I have been informed that it is a software RAID management system, not hardware management.

Thank you very much,

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