

## Re: Optimizations.

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On Thu, 15 May 2003, Marcel Moolenaar wrote:

> *On Thu, May 15, 2003 at 02:30:33PM +0200, Pawel Jakub Dawidek wrote:*  
> > *Hello hackers...*  
> >  
> > *IMHO optimization in FreeBSD's code has too low priority.*  
> > *Maybe is time to think about some 'optimization team' creation?*  
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> > *I think I don't want to see this happen based on professional*  
> > *experience. My biggest concern is that it becomes a crusade.*  
> > *For if your focus is performance, you pretty much loose track*  
> > *of everything else. If not, then obviously you haven't been*  
> > *focussing.*  
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Well, supposedly any such team would need to start by creating a set of tools and benchmarks that could be used to quantify performance, get buy-in from the project that these give good measures (iterate until done) and then set up a bunch of machines to track there are no regressions? Followed by then starting to work towards eliminating problems 8-)

> > *Don't get me wrong. Optimizing is a good thing, when done at the*  
> > *right time for the right reasons and in the right way. Having*  
> > *an optimization team created out of thin air can only lead to*  
> > *round-table discussions that boil down to "Hi, I'm Marcel. I like*  
> > *to optimize small objects" and before you know it all hell breaks*  
> > *loose for a barely measurable performance change.*  
> >  
> > *If you set yourself some simple goals and keep it high-level, then*  
> > *we can all get used to the idea and we will probably find other*  
> > *opportunities while we go. The end result can be much the same as*  
> > *you try to achieve now, except that it has a bigger chance to be*  
> > *integrated rather than some weird bunch on the side that plays*  
> > *with compiler options "and shit".*

nah, don't be too hard on them. they are volunteering for a large amount

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of hard work 8-)

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> *Just a thought,*

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