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To: Alexander Leidinger <Alexander@Leidinger.net>

Alexander Leidinger wrote:

> *On Thu, 19 Jun 2003 07:37:25 -0500*

> *Eric Anderson <anderson@centtech.com> wrote:*

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>>*Interestingly enough, I found FreeBSD 4.8 to be faster at local disk*

>>*writes than FreeBSD 5.1. About 50% faster.*

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> *5.1 isn't tuned yet to deliver high performance, so it isn't a surprise*

> *to see a lower performance than 4.x. But 50% is much... are you sure you*

> *did the test under the same conditions (e.g. are you sure the write*

> *cache was off (or on) in both cases, no debugging switches activated in*

> *the kernel/userland)?*

I attempted to create the same environment, but I didn't force anything to be the same. In other words, what I did was swap the boot drive out from 4.8 to 5.1 and back again, each time testing the differences in speed. Same RAIDed partitions were tested, so it was tested on ufs, with the same tests, and consistent results. I didn't turn on/off write caching on either, so if the defaults are different between them, that could be the problem..

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