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Subject: Home server upgrade 4.9 -> 5.2.1, drop in hard disk or networkperformance?

| Hello everyone!

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| I just upgraded my home server frmo 4.9-R-p3 to 5.2.1-R after having a few

| problems with modems and random hard lockups(?).

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| Well, first off the upgrade didn't solve this and I can still reliably make

| the box freeze with a new modem I bought which I hoped would cure the
| problem... when infact it's 10x worse with that modem :o) Has anyone got
| any ideas as to what could be causing this? The network card for the
| internal side is an fxp card and the network card the modem is attached
| to

| is an older 10megabit vx card (3com Etherlink III).

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| I can't really think of any other information to provide right now but I
| really would be grateful for some prompting of more info and a bit of
| help!

| My last few emails to questions about the hard lock ups didn't get any
| replies if I remember rightly :o)

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| Aside from that, I just copied a 400 meg file over samba and it really
| did

| seem incredibly slow compared to when it was running 4.9. It took
| agesssss

| to untar the backup 1.5gig file too! Is there anything I am supposed to
| tweak here?

| I am thinking about just reinstalling 4.9 again but I would like to avoid

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| that if I can, as it would be alot of time wasted :o) I don't have any
| numbers for this unfortunatly either, it just feels and seems a hell of
| alot slower! For instance, when I was copying this file and tried to ssh
in
| from my windows machine it just sat there for ages doing (apparently)
| nothing!
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| Thanks!
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Well I was just using bmon from ports to monitor the speed and copying a file to the box over samba is dramatically slower than copying from it:

Copying a 1.5gig backup tar from the freebsd machine to my box is around 6-7 meg a second

Copying a 600 odd meg file to the freebsd machine from my box is around only 1-2 meg a second!

I do seem to remember having this kind of problem ages ago when I used Linux. Before installing 5.2.1 I did enable plug and play in BIOS (it hung with that turned on using 4.9, not with 5.2.1 though) so I will try disabling that either later or tomorrow morning to see if that fixes my issue! Could it be that which is causing it?

Other than that I don't think I have had any major issues with the install yet :o) Well... except for it didn't solve my hard lockup problem like I hoped it would have. Seems like it isn't a hard disk performance drop though :o)

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