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On Tue, 26 Oct 2004 14:17:49 +0000 (UTC), talon@lpth.e.jussieu.fr (Michel Talon) wrote:

>Kris Kennaway <kkenn@xor.obsecurity.org> wrote:

>> On 2004-10-25, Ben Crowell <crowellSPAMISEVILwell04@lightNOSPAMandmatter.com> wrote:

>>> I've recently upgraded from 5.2 to 5.3-RC1, and although for the most part

>>> I've been very impressed, there is one strange thing that's happening now.

>>> While a CPU-hog job (lilypond and LeTeX) is running, X (fluxbox)

>>> becomes unresponsive. That isn't so strange in and of itself, although it

>>> does seem subjectively worse than before. What's really strange is that

>>> for a minute or so after the CPU hog finishes, X is *still* unresponsive.

>>> For instance, I click on an aterm window, and it takes 5-10 seconds to

>>> draw the contents of the window. If I do a 'top', I don't see any processes

>>> eating CPU. My understanding is that 5.x is keeping

>>> the same old scheduler, and the new scheduler isn't going to be included

>>> until 6.x (or maybe later in the 5.x series). Does anyone understand why

>>> this would be happening?

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>> I think a fix for this was merged after RC1. Can you update and retry?

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>> Kris

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>I have tried a live cdrom with FreeBSD-5.3-RC produced by the livebsd

>team,

>http://www.livebsd.com/5_X/

>and i must say i have been very much impressed. In particular no such

>slowness as you mention. On the contrary, everything is very fast,

>this live CD is basically in par with a linux Knoppix cdrom. Thanks

>to the upgrading to KDE-3.3.0 windows appear really fast.

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>By trying it you can also discover the new drogonflybsd installer which,

>in this CD, allows to install FreeBSD-5 to harddisk, directly from live

>CD. One of the niceties of this installer is that you can pilot it from

>a distant machine through a web browser, see:

><http://www.bsinstaller.com/>

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Alas, the live CD only downloads using BitTorrent which can't see through the authenticating proxy I use :-). One or two other security programs I run lit up too, it was trying to act as a server and I have a policy about that even if my ISP doesn't. I'll wait.

Steve.