

Mac Freeze / Hard Reboot causes...



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Hi-

I am not sure how to ask for new features in Fusion, or even if this is possible, but I am airing my complaint and request for improvement here. When Leopard freezes (the dreaded beachball which freezes all applications, mouse and keyboard), the only option is a hard reboot of your Mac. If you have VMWare Fusion open when this happens, a hard reboot crashes XP as well. When you reboot the Mac and Fusion / XP, XP reverts to a backup registry file because, I guess, it did not get a chance to write the most current registry file before the Mac crashed and was hard rebooted.

So, here is my question:

Is it possible that VMWare build in a function that writes its own Windows registry files on a more consistent basis (every 10 minutes?) so that if the Mac crashes, that all work since the last good registry file is not lost? My experience has been, when this backup registry file is reverted to, that even Excel files that were worked on between the last registry file and the crash come up blank! I know that backups are important, and they have saved my bacon several times so far, but I don't want the price for using this virtualization on my Mac to be that I live in constant fear of the "beachball" and loosing data on my PC because of freezing issues on my Mac! I operated for years on a PC with no problems, but now it is not the PC that is causing the problems, but the Mac!

Also, I have no experience with Vista (I guess I have been sucked in by all the bad press), but is it possible that it takes registry "snapshots" more often than XP?

I was having some problems with Fusion before 2.0.1, but that upgrade seemed to fix all of them. This is the only problem that I still have with Fusion. I tried to switch my VM to Parallels 4.0, but I got so many BSOD's (which I did not experience importing a Parallels 3.0 VM into Fusion), that I gave up on that.

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Here's hoping that the Fusion Development team reads the blogs on their site. Surely I cannot be the only person suffering through this problem. I have found that Leopard does not need much of an excuse to freeze up (disappointing for an OS that is so highly touted). Leopard should at least have a way to soft reboot when this happens. But having said this, Fusion / XP are victims of this, and data is lost in XP when it happens. Fusion Development Team - Please rescue up from the shortcomings of Leopard!

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