

Re: Word significantly slows down operation of other programs. Please help.

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Elliott:

Thanks for your time. I'm not technically oriented, so I don't understand much of what you've said. Forgive me if I'm getting too basic, but, if you have the time:

* What do you mean by "top?" What does "a good setting is top -u -s5 10" mean?

- What are pageouts and pageins?
- When you say "How long is it since you last logged out?" Are you talking about shutting down the computer?
- I don't understand what "swap files" are...or how to untangle them.

- When you say "reboot the machine once a month," I suspect that's not "restart," but another operation.

Having recently moved over from 9.2 (and not being very functional there), I know how to re-build my desktop, but that's about it. I once had the bright idea that I could use Spring Cleaning to make my old iMac run more efficiently...and I wound up losing my entire system. That should give you an idea who you're talking to.

If you have the time to respond, I'd appreciate it. If it's too much work to explain it, I understand.

Thanks.