

Re: "Red Hat recommends Windows for consumers"

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To: "Debian-User" <debian-user@lists.debian.org>

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Ron Johnson" <ron.l.johnson@cox.net>

To: "Debian-User" <debian-user@lists.debian.org>

Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2003 7:34 PM

Subject: Re: "Red Hat recommends Windows for consumers"

> On Thu, 2003-11-06 at 18:02, BruceG wrote:

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> > ----- Original Message -----

> > From: David Millet

> > To: debian-user@lists.debian.org

> > Cc: Debian-User

> > Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2003 6:52 PM

> > Subject: Re: "Red Hat recommends Windows for consumers"

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> > > all I have to say is that I personally want linux to rule
the desktop,

> > > simply because I will stand to make alot of money when big
companies

> > > start picking it up. a lot of us will, in fact.

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> > > Not until Broderbund releases a Calendar Creator that works
with

> > > Linux. Ditto for Reader Rabbit, Math Blaster, etc, etc, ad
nauseum.

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> > Or not until wine begins running these and every windoze app
> > that everyone uses flawlessly, which hopefully happens soon.

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> > david

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> > My experience with the wonderful world of Linux and end users

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> > – or normal people. My sister needed a laptop to help her
> > start a new business writing grant proposals. I figured I'd
> > help by buying her a laptop (used, but still good, a Dell
> > Latitude PIII, 256Meg RAM, 12 Gig hard disk, CD–RW, external
> > floppy, Xircom 10/100+56 card. I tested Mandrake 9.1, SuSE 8.2
> > Personal and Knoppix installed to harddisk. Decided to ship it
> > with SuSE with all updates done, and with OOo 1.1.0 and
> > Scribus 1.0.1. Paid for Internet access, and configured dial
> > on demand. Also configured KMail, Evolution, Mozilla Mail and
> > KNode.
> >
> > She called today. Had a problem with it (trouble–shooting was
> > turn it upside down and shake it). Brought it to computer
> > repair shop. He installed non–licensed Windows and MS Office.
> > I'm discouraged. It truely was 'point 'n click'. Everything
> > was installed, tested and working. Literally plug it in, turn
> > it on, connect the included phone cord and your online. Just
> > click the Seagull and you have a choice of OOo1.0.2 or
> > OOo1.1.0.
> >
> > Think I want my SuSE 8.2 Personal boxed set, SuSE Live Eval
> > CD, and boot floppy back! But on the good side, my 7 year old
> > son and 14 year old son are perfectly comfortable with SuSE,
> > Mandrake and RedHat. Maybe Debian in a while.
>
> Complain to the store's owner that his employees overwrote your
> data, and demand compensation. Contact the BSA, and tell them
> about the unlicensed Windows. (You reinstalled SuSE, right?)
>

No, I'm a 12 hour drive away from her – so it is back into the Windows world.

I just don't understand installing pirated software. Not when better software is available free or at a reasonable cost. SuSE boxed set only cost \$40. OOo is free, and available on just about any platform. With project Fedora and Debian people have a choice of some great truely free systems. To me it's well worth the time it takes to learn something new. Let's say you buy a licensed version of Windows and a licensed version of MSOffice. To my way of thinking – if you can learn the basics of a new system in 20–30 hours, you're way ahead of the game.

At least she found the value of the laptop from the computer shop and thanked me for it. That's on the plus side.

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