

Re: converting user to linux

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To: For users of Fedora Core releases <fedora-list@redhat.com>

Jay Daniels wrote:

>my wife has experineced microsoft windows trouble. mainly, virus and
>trojan problems and the free avg program doesn't help resolve or
>remove these virus'
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>i see this as an oppertunity to convert her to Linux on her Sony VAIO
>laptop. however, i don't want to hear her bitchin' and complaining for
>the next 20 years or ever how long i have left;))
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>she bought me a licensed copy of windows xp pro last year. after
>experimenting with this os for a few weeks, i removed the windows
>partition and upgraded to fedora from rh 9.
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>she is reasonable in thinking since i no longer use xp pro, that i
>could install it on her laptop. i tried to explain that would require
>calling microsoft and getting them to activate this copy of xp pro on
>another machine which is all legal since i no longer have xp installed
>on my box. well, i've already switched boxes twice with this copy of
>XP and i'm not calling them again:)
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>then again, it may not be legal?
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>i also tried to explain that wiping the drive on the laptop and
>reinstalling is not as easy as it use to be, especially when dealing
>with xp on a laptop. in fact, it may even be easier to install
>fedora!
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>i think as long as i can get mp3's to play requiring her builtin sound
>to work and get her dvd/cdrw to work she would be statisfied with
>fedora. i would not have to install any smtp server or email clients
>since she uses squirrelmail on my server and also yahoo for mail.
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>with all the security patches and updates with XP, restoring and
>updating and patching may take 48 hours or more. plus installing all
>those other programs not included with Windows, this may take a week!
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>it may be more practical to install fedora on this sony laptop.
>laptop: Sony VAIO
>model is: PCG-FR130
>sony dvd cdrw drive
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>what do you think, do i stand a chance to convert her to Linux or am i
>wasting my time? she basically uses the laptop as a desktop pc to
>read mail via a webmail service, surf the net, purchase online,
>save family photos to cdr, and print stuff. she would use X almost
>entirely with the mouse under a normal user account. she also has no
>interest in learning unix/linux commands or the shell. has anyone
>tried to convert someone to Linux, how did it go?
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>
>jay
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Yes but I used an adapter...
Just kidding.

I installed Mandrake on a computer I gave to a friend family a few years ago, and they are still my friends. :-)

I don't have much experience with Sony VAIO, but I think sound would be your biggest issue. In order to play MP3's you will need xmms-mp3 or something like, but that is not a standard package.

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