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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'

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;)

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.

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:)

then again, it may not be legal?

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 satisfied 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.

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!

it may be more practical to install fedora on this sony laptop.

laptop: Sony VAIO
model is: PCG-FR130
sony dvd cdrw drive

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?

jay

Jay – go for it! I