

Re: Why most run Microsoft, not RedHat

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Claude Jones wrote:

On Wed April 18 2007, Robin Laing wrote:

You are a lucky person. In my limited experience with Windows, a re-install has happened more than that. I did try the re-install but that was useless due to all the secondary applications.

Heck, even Steve Ballmer, CEO for Microsoft needs to re-install Windows when it gets to rough.

My biggest headache has always been registry problems.

But that is my experience.

You speak of "limited experience" – I deal with many Windows machines, all day long, day in and day out, in a business environment. Maybe that's the difference. We have an enterprise grade firewall behind the router. Each Windows box runs its own personal firewall. Each machine also runs anti-virus and anti-spyware. That's the price you have to pay – it costs money, and it takes time – it stinks. But, safe practices over many years, and that's been my experience. The only virus that ever got detected inside my company was ironically caught by one of my machines – but I caught it right away, and it hadn't activated itself. We've got one gal who just can't resist clicking indiscriminately, and I've set up a vm for her on her box using the free vmplayer and a vm built on our vmware workstation, and she's under strict orders to do all her internet stuff from the virtual machine – ironically, once we implemented that policy, she stopped having problems.

I prefer Linux but you can't tell me that Windows can't be run reliably – it's just not my experience over many, many years. I don't think it has anything to do with luck. The main problems I encounter again and again are with clueless operators who've ignored repeated instructions about dangerous surfing practices and clicking on attachments – those are the two most common causes of problems – are they caused by the operating system? – one can argue that it's the defective design of the system that allows clueless operators to damage their system and I will agree. There are many things that can be done cluelessly in life and will result in mayhem –

Speaking to the question about the problems encountered in recent weeks regarding drivers and endless boot cycles, I would try a Windows repair; boot from the installation CD, click

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