

Re: Fedora Desktop future– RedHat moves

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Yes, despite it's legal ramifications... far better to risk your company to appease users. It's not like it's not available for Fedora, but Red Hat doesn't risk the future of the company on it.

Google for 'Microsoft billion mp3'

Mark is rich, but that's about 3 times his worth right there... he isn't licensing MP3 or any other codec for his distro, Microsoft just licensed it from the wrong people.

Now wonder consider ffmpeg for instance has Apple codecs, mpg2/4 and Microsoft codecs just to name a few, and ask yourself whether it's smart to distribute this stuff.

Only reason he gets away with it is because Ubuntu represents such a low market share that it's not worth it today.

On Tue, 2008-04-22 at 18:08 –0430, Patrick O'Callaghan wrote:

On Tue, 2008-04-22 at 14:29 –0700, Francis Earl wrote:

The only real benefits of Ubuntu are proprietary drivers by default, and easier access to patent encumbered codecs... catering to users so much is why Ubuntu is so popular... no other reason.

How dare they offer something that users want :-)

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