

Re: [SLE] RedHat Amateur SuSe Newbie Question

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Anders Johansson wrote:

> *On Tuesday 30 March 2004 06.17, Liam Marshall wrote:*

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>> *My question is, can anyone give me an objective reason to switch to
>> SuSe? It costs (not lots but some), whereas Fedora is still free. What
>> advantages will I get out of switching?*

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> *It was already explained to you in the other thread you started that
> suse can be installed gratis from ftp servers around the world.*

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Yeah, it can be installed via ftp, and I have tried that, but it states quite clearly that it is not as "complete" as the boxed set

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>> *Eventually, I envision making the entire lab, including workstations,
>> Linux, the only stumbling block there is I NEED to be able to continue
>> teaching Java Programming as well as Visual Basic Programming.*

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> *No you don't. You NEED to think about your curriculum. You are doing
> your students a disservice by teaching specific languages as opposed
> to general programming. When the next fad comes along (.Net or
> whatever) they will be less able to handle it quickly than students
> with a more generalised training.*

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How do you teach any programming language without using specific languages as the medium for the teaching. It just so happens that we have chosen Java and VB. Java can be taught on Linux, Windoze or Macs, I just need compilers that work with the OS I am trying to switch to, in order to save some money. I am doing no one a disservice. The

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curriculum is fine, the medium I am working on. I asked for help, not criticism

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> *On the other hand, if your students have been taught the general
> basics under which all languages operate, they'll be able to get a
> grip on VB if they have to on their own very rapidly*

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My students are being taught the basics that all languages operate under, but the school has invested a great deal of money in software (Microsoft Visual Basic) and in textbooks (for Java and Microsoft Office) you cannot expect them to just abandon thousands of dollars if there is a way to use SuSe and still use the software, or at least the textbooks

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