

Re: [SLE] ...and speaking of SuSE / Novell...

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On Thu, 2005-11-17 at 19:46 +0200, Andre Truter wrote:

> On 11/17/05, Peter Van Lone <petervl@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> right .. it's called experience. 600 hours is only 15 weeks of
>> experience. I don't have a problem with it, and did not complain. What
>> I originally said was "stop calling names of linux newbies that
>> rely/use the GUI on a server to get work done"
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> Yes, I agree that calling newbies names for using a GUI is wrong.
> I have seen a number of newbies that start out with installing a GUI
> on a server, until I show them that it is not really needed.
> Now they run GUI stuff they need over ssh to thier workstations. :-)
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> I think one thing where MS damaged people is by instilling this idea
> that a good server should have a GUI.
> When I was still a Windows user, I used to think of UNIX as an old,
> outdated system, with a horrible user-interface. All mono-chrome..
> That was until I actually saw a real live UNIX machine and worked on
> it. It opened my eyes.
> I was lucky, I suppose, that my first interaction with UNIX was from a
> Sun Sparcstation, running CDE, with telnet sessions to an HP
> development server.
> I never really used the Sun box for anything else, than it's X-server,
> so I could run Nedit (a graphical editor) on the HP box.
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>> lists of people carping about "noobs that put a gui on a server" ...
>> well, damn ... if it makes the transition and traslation to linux
>> easier why, as a linux advocate, would you (not you personally) want
>> to be so freaking hostile about it?
>
> I don't have a problem with noobs putting a GUI on a server, I have a
> problem with experienced admins running a GUI on a server. (I did not
> mean to offend noobs, sorry)

Then why offend experienced admins that use a GUI to admin a machine?
Not all configs are easily handled via the CLI and there are fewer

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possibilities of making errors using a well written GUI that uses syntax checking. I happen to use and like using webmin for doing a lot of my admin work, not all but enough. Actually makes it easier to admin postfix.

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