

Re: [opensuse] Future of SUSE (at home)

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On Sun January 14 2007 3:01 pm, HG scratched these words onto a coconut shell, hoping for an answer:

On 1/14/07, jdd <jdd@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

HG wrote:

I wanted discussion about what SUSE could do at home.

good. I didn't understand that :-(. probably my fault.

but let me ask something: what exactly do you want to do at home that you can't with openSUSE?

I know the correct answer here: nothing as long as I have bash and emacs.

But in the context of this discussion, I want to have one place with reliable and large storage for all the stuff (mostly multimedia) that I have. Then I can access it from all of the computers I have; 2 laptops, workstation (currently 2 of them) and PDA (in near future). I do not want to duplicate data to different computers and always wonder in which computer do we have the photos of last x-mas. I want to stream multimedia to my AV systems (like possible with the MS media centers and multiple hardware clients).

I do not think I'm the only one with these needs.

If you are looking for a media streamer, you should subscribe to the Linux-magazine (Linux-magazine.com) and after you have access search their archives, they made just such a setup last year. It will probably be even easier now. You may also get some Suse specific tips if you at least get the next issue.. it's going to have a version of 10.2 (DVD) w/ it...

This magazine will help you do a lot of the "gee whizardry" you seem to

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want. Tho you will have to actually read and follow the directions. I don't recommend you start any communication w/ them by saying "x or y cannot be done in linux" tho .

BTW if you really want to make your windows stuff "just work" in linux, buy a lic for crossover office, and sign up for their lists. You would then have some influence in the direction of wine.. at least you would if you actually buy a lic..

I suspect the irritation you are sensing is because people have told you that you actually can do some of the stuff you wish, it just won't come pre-configured for you. And before you say MS does it wait til the new version of Windows comes out and see how much is easily done.

A.) they say they are working on security.. that means you can't have everything easily accessed fro everywhere.. you need passwords etc. if only because you probably won't get round to configuring the firewall til way after you set up these easy permissions for anyone on your net..

B.) They want to be *The* DRM company. That means they either pay a lot of cash for lic. or they "cripple" things out of the box.. <shrug> Which way do you think they are likely to jump?

Suse, and most of the linux distros that I have tried, will try to make you realize it's a bad idea to do X or Y, before the damage happens. In other words, you must configure it to do something that most of us would tell you not to do .

(Note: Not that you can not do it , just don't. It's bad practice.)
If you make a choice that is a bad idea, you and your system are just the first to suffer. But you also expose the rest of the folks you connect to. If that happens to be a Windows box, you may have opened it up to an attack. However unwittingly .

And one other thing , the "looking down the nose" attitude comes out when several folks tell you it's a bad idea to do whatever you are asking about, but you persist in saying "it can't be done".

If you have the boxed set,do us all a favour and break the mold and be a person that reads the manual. Then buy an in depth book on linux generally and there are even large tomes that deal w/ Suse specifically.They are available at Amazon and Barnes and Noble, for starters.

You can get a lot of information from a book that is specific to 10.2 , I suspect in the near future. There has been at least one every release since they began to leave the Admin. book out of the box.

Oh yeah, it's on the DVD, you can put it onto your computer and read it there.. tough to take to bed and read but hey... it's a damned good

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starting point. Once you have the basics down, it's a great starting point for you to learn why we keep saying you *can* do what you want, and you don't always need a shell. But you need to know what you are looking for then you can always use "findutils-locate" to find the items you need to adjust.

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