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On Tue, 17 Jan 2006 11:32:45 +1100

Sasha Tsykin <stsykin@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

> ulrich steffens wrote:

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>>Am Montag, den 16.01.2006, 19:44 +0800 schrieb Michael Richter:

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>>>>- Ubuntu, however, got confused by my system having two sound cards in

>>>>it. It would randomly switch between them when doing sound-based

>>>>things. Or some programs would ONLY go to the undesired sound card

>>>>(because it was card 0) or simply fail to produce sound at all. If I

>>>>removed one sound card, however, and sadly the desired card, all such

>>>>confusion vanished.

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>>>>Someone gave the solution very recently for fixing the confusion among

>>>>two cards.

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>>>That would be my reference to Mystic Incantations and half-solved

>>>problems. Implementing that solution now means that some programs

>>>don't make sound at all. So there's no more confusing switches.

>>>There's just some programs not working with sound at all. It's a step

>>>up -- at least when I do get sound it's OK quality -- but it's not

>>>solved.

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>>>>- Nastiest of all: GNOME just locked up tight when it tried to play

>>>>the startup sound and couldn't.

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>>>>You can use plenty GUI's different from Gnome.

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>>>I can. But that puts me even further and further away from Ubuntu,
>>>now, doesn't it? And it adds more confusion to the end-user
>>>experience to just suddenly change the environment. Wouldn't it be
>>>better to just not have the sound system kill the GUI?
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>>>>Now, let's see what is in this link. Too bad, is in french, but maybe
>>>>you do read french, or friends of yours do ?
>>>>http://www.hns-info.net/article.php3?id_article=4201
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>>>>I'm English native, German near-native, French semi-competent and
>>>>Chinese embarrassing. ;-)
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>>>>>To say what's interesting to notice, when you buy a computer, almost
>>>>>always Windows is in it. Then when you need more applications you pay
>>>>>lots of money for them. When you need help the hotline costs bags of
>>>>>money and they are not in a hurry to answer. Here in France a comic
>>>>>woman did a sketch 'alllllooooo the hotliiiiine ???' -'Yes, stay tuned,
>>>>>we'll answer within the three next days!'
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>>>>>Oh, Hell yes! I've never had a satisfying call into a help line for
>>>>>software (or hardware, for that matter). Even some that my employer
>>>>>paid millions for. (Literally.) The thing is, though, that I've
>>>>>rarely had problems this profound under Windows for basic
>>>>>functionality. Indeed only once did I have such problems and the
>>>>>problems turned out to be a motherboard slowly flaking out.
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>>>>>With Ubuntu it has been mostly an OK-to-good experience. Except for
>>>>>sound. (And I've heard nasty things about printing, but my printer is
>>>>>currently toast so thankfully I'm not experiencing that particular
>>>>>nightmare.) Sound is, quite literally, a show-stopper now. The times
>>>>>that I actually want sound are for relaxation and entertainment. I
>>>>>just don't appear to be wired correctly to find entertainment and
>>>>>relaxation through Mystic Incantations. Perhaps I need to adopt the
>>>>>Sufi attitude of basically laughing at the absurdity of the world to
>>>>>catch on.
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>>>>>>Can you share your windows and your applications with your friends ? no
>>>>>>you can't, if you want to copy the OS to several machines of yours and
>>>>>>don't have the right license, you can't, if you want to get rid or the
>>>>>>firewell they installed to put an opensource firewall, you can't get rid
>>>>>>of it unless you use a big iron bar to kick it out, do you know why ?
>>>>>>because the software you paid for does not belong to you, but to the
>>>>>>softwares company. And worse of all, after a few times re-installing,

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> >>>the keycode does not work anymore. 'alllloooo the hotline ????' :((
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> >>>And yet, using Windows XP the past (about) three years on this laptop,
> >>>I've never had problems with any of that. My firewall is external
> >>>(because I don't trust self-hosted firewalling at all, MS or no). I
> >>>don't share my Windows disks. And I've never needed to do anything
> >>>with keycodes.
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> >>>(How much did you offer for the development of Ubuntu btw ?)
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> >>>Well, once I get my bearings --- if ever I do --- I will likely start
> >>>writing software for it. Now? None, of course. This is the part of
> >>>the cycle called "evaluation".
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> >>>If a company that develops a non free software crashes, and the format
> >>>of your documents is not known by open applications, your work is lost.
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> >>>And yet I can count the number of lost documents I've had since about
> >>>1985 on one hand.
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> >>>And also, during the time I'm learning to look forward and see the
> >>>moment I'll learn to compile a kernel, you'll know all the types of
> >>>firewalls and anti-virii/anti-all_malwares, while I'm running 3
> >>>different distributions to learn how to make them function, as well as a
> >>>bunch of applications... now my hardware does not fail anymore, it's more
> >>>cool...
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> >>>
> >>>My hardware has failed more often in the past three weeks than it has
> >>>in the three years previous. Don't be trying to talk about hardware
> >>>not failing to me here....
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> >>> Solution: install with a dual boot, and
> >>>forget the hard life ?
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> >>>That is, in fact, the solution I adopted. I just don't like the fact
> >>>I had to. Sound is a very basic piece of functionality that has been
> >>>SOLVED in Windows, BeOS, MacOS (various versions, no less!) and a
> >>>whole host of other systems for a long time. Only here in Linux-land

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>>>does it appear to be a nightmare of Mystic Incantations.
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>>i still don't get the point in trying ubuntu (linux), which has it's
>>struggles in hardware support, finding out it doesn't suit your needs
>>and then telling us that linux is not ready at all, because YOU had a
>>bad experience. did i miss something?
>>i mean you only had a bad experience with ONE system, pretty lame then
>>to coming up with such prediction.
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>>and a counterexperience:
>>a friend of mine nagged me for weeks that he couldnt get sound working
>>on hin win98-machine. i ended up saying 'win sucks, try ubuntu'. he
>>installed 5.04, sound works.
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>>so is win98, not ready for the desktop? and should he write a mail taht
>>says 'well, ubuntu is back on the disk'?
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>>ulrich
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> How many times have you heard of windows not working? I agree that
> Ubuntu is not a finished product yet. While I have been distributing it
> to all the various computer-illiterate members of my family, that is
> only for e-mail and internet. I wouldn't want them to be using it for
> anything more complicated because they don't know how to fix it if
> something goes wrond and I can't be bothered to do it fr them. I think
> it's time that people face reality about windows and linux. I happen to
> prefer linux for a variety of reasons, including stability, reliability
> (which are not the same thing) and it's free. Also, until recently I had
> much better performance because Windows 64-bit had not come out yet, and
> even now it is hard to find, and not very good by all reports. That does
> not mean it is better in every respect. In the area of ease-of-use and
> ease-of-setup, Ubuntu, and every other linux, is miles behing Windows.
> You can take that fact from somebody ho migrated a year ago and is only
> now starting to feel confident in his abilities to get things done.
> Please don't get emotional about this, because windows xp does do some
> thing better, fact.
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> As for windows 98, while it was good when it came out, how can you
> compare it to a modern distribution? There is no basis for comparison.
> Compare apples with apples. That means compare modern linuxes to windows
> xp, because, hears some news for you, very few people actually stil use
> 98. And they shouldn't be, because it does suck. Windows 98 is most
> definitely not ready for a modern desktop because it has not been
> developed for 8 years. How can you expect anythign even remotely
> resembling modern hardware to work on it?
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My sentiments exactly. My wife still runs XP and while she is interested at times in Linux, there is no way I would put it on her machine. She is used to running almost ANY video/audio file without problems. She is used to logging onto CNN and watching Videos automatically, she is used to watching movie trailers full-screen if she want to, she is used to being able to use Nero's clean clear interface to burn the odd CD, she is used to not having problems with many websites Linux/Firefox/Opera etc cannot handle perfectly. HOWEVER I still have to run the spyware removal programs, and fix the odd problem for her.

Windows XP is miles ahead of almost any Linux in the day to day operations 90% of the people I know need.

And no I am not a Windows troll. I have been running Linux ranging from Slackware to Mepis to Debian to Ubuntu for 3 years. I don't dual boot. But I figure one machine running Windows is plenty in this house. It works for her as Linux works for me 95% of the time.

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Cheers

Frank

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