

Re: Making linux more user friendly

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"David Lloyd Geering" <dreamlax@phreaker.net> wrote in message news:42c8fe6b@clear.net.nz...

> *Brian white wrote:*

>> *Before anybody blows a fuse and writes something truly stupid and*

>> *offensive*

>> *in reply, please read to the end.*

>> *We all know that linux does not always work with all the hardware on a*

>> *home*

>> *computer so why not probe it from the net first? (Just like the*

>> *antivirus*

>> *companys do in windows). knoppix does something like that from the cd.*

>> *If there are going to be hardware issues, recommend a change of graphics*

>> *or*

>> *sound card or webcam or whatever.*

>> *Then a distro just for that computer and its user requirements can be*

>> *made*

>> *and shipped to that user with almost 100% certainty that it will work*

>> *well*

>> *and as fast as possible on that particular computer.*

>> *Linux is advanced enough that this could be automatic.*

>> *Microsoft could not compete with that especially for slightly older*

>> *computers.*

>> *Now, about webcams and instant messaging,*

>> *I started a thread looking for normal IM functionality on linux*

>> *(including*

>> *webcam support of course).*

>> *And a rude yob gave the reply below. It is not acceptable. PERIOD*

>> *I wish to speak to his employer about his attitude, so, if any of you*

>> *know*

>> *more, please contact me. And if you know him, in the linux community,*

>> *please tell him what a disservice he does to his cause.*

>> *I have read through some of the comments in threads here and some*

>> *contributors have a lot of growing up to do. I am not a programmer, i am*

>> *an*

>> *end user. I expect a usable desktop system. That means webcam support for*

>> *IM. I sent my relatives halfway across the world a webcam and i cannot*

>> *communicate with them through it because i use linux. That is a stupid*

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>> *situation. As long as linux has this glaring hole in its armour, it will
>> never be accepted by young people as a real operating system.
>> I worked with young guys half my age and they laughed at my unix yahoo
>> messenger (no webcam support) and my kopete (no webcam support) typing to
>> their msn (until msn changed protocols)
>> Thats just the way it is. Build IM with webcam for linux of forget the
>> desktop. Brian*
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>> *Re: Is there a messenger service out there?*
>> *From:*
>> *Ivan Marsh <annoyed@you.now>*
>> *Date:*
>> *Friday 01 Jul 2005 08:03:32*
>> *Groups:*
>> *alt.linux*
>> *References: 1 2 3*
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>> *Sorry, but you are a fucking moron.*
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>> *I'm, right this very moment, sitting in front of five million dollars in
>> telecommunications equipment that runs Linux... perfectly, stably and
>> with little or no maintenance... that supports over a thousand end-users.*
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>> *Linux wasn't written for people to have inane conversations with their
>> friends... it was written to do business and science.*
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>> *To use your analogy a car isn't a car if it doesn't have a radio. That's
>> pure idiocy.*
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>> *If you can't make Linux work for you then do the sensible thing and don't
>> use it.*
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> *Mr. Brian White,*
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> *You can always go back to Microsoft Windows. You can browse the Internet
> and wait for someone to develop a worm that infects just about every
> Windows PC connected to the Internet (MSBLAST.EXE, SASSER), or you can
> switch to Linux, that, when correctly set up, offers far better security
> than Windows ever could.*
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> *You can play games, do your video IM conversations through MSN Messenger.
> You can do whatever you like and wait for your computer to unexplainably
> crash simply from memory leaks and the likes, or you can switch to Linux,
> which offers far better stability than Windows ever could.*
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> *You can pay large amounts to own a liscense to Windows, Office, and other*

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- > *Microsoft products. You can pay for whatever you would like to. Linux, on*
- > *the other hand, has thousands of primarily free by GPL or other licensed*
- > *but free software that have similar features to Microsoft Products. The*
- > *operating system itself is free and has more features than Windows.*
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- > *Microsoft do not release the source code to any of their products. They*
- > *want you to use their products and nobody else's. When it comes to*
- > *developing software which interacts with their service, it will be hard to*
- > *develop without any sort of documentation. Getting GAIM and Kopete to work*
- > *with the existing MSN Messenger service was probably quite a challenge,*
- > *given the fact all they had was a binary executable and a packet logger.*
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- > *Go back to Windows if you miss video IM in MSN Messenger. Linux is for*
- > *people who understand how computers work, not for those who take computers*
- > *for granted. Most people are a "move the mouse, moves the cursor" kind of*
- > *person. There is nothing wrong with this, but until they understand what*
- > *actually happens when they move the mouse, they should stick with an*
- > *operating system that does all the work for them.*
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- > *Did you know that when the BLASTER worm was let loose, one of Microsoft's*
- > *update servers was so badly affected that they installed Linux on it*
- > *temporarily until they were able to set it back up? Linux servers are used*
- > *worldwide, and more and more people are switching to it because of its*
- > *cost, stability and security. Who cares if it doesn't have any*
- > *webcam-capable IM programs available? At least you won't have to*
- > *continually head to windowsupdate.microsoft.com and patch your operating*
- > *system every week when new holes are discovered.*
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- > *Regards,*
- > *Dave.*

I can't believe they are not using web cams in Europe where SuSE is spreading like wildfire.