

Re: Second Best Linux?

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Wouter Smaal wrote:

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>>>>> *_Desktop_ Linux isn't a complete substitution for Windows*

>>>>> *unfortunately.*

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>>>> *Or do you mean there are desktop, server, client and so on kinds*

>>>> *of Linux? In that case, please make your point.*

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>>>> *I use RedHat Linux Enterprise (WS) as desktop (no games!), but run*

>>> *virtual XP via VMWare Workstation on the same PC. Why? – Several*

>>> *major websites doesn't fit with other browsers than IEX. – Some*

>>> *utilites aren't available for Linux.*

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>> *So what you are saying is that it is not a complete substitution for*

>> *_you_. I have not seen a major website I could not use with Firefox*

>> *that is so good I could not find an alternative. Please give*

>> *examples.*

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> *Some examples:*

> *The important calculate modules on the website of one of the largest*

> *investors in the world (Dutch pension fund) works only with IEX.*

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> *I do (personal) business with my bank (one of the largest in my country)*

> *via Internet. This bank does only support IEX. However, within a short*

> *time other browsers will be supported too.*

My bank in England only supports IE, but allows you to continue "at your own risk" with an alternate browser. As I consider Firefox less of a risk than IE, I continued and it worked fine, no IE only limitations. I wrote to the

bank and they are reviewing Firefox compatibility for the future.

- > *There are many websites which doesn't display the content clear with*
- > *firefox. I have implement an extension for firefox "ieview" to display*
- > *the current content via IEX :-)*
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- >> *I also have not yet needed a utility that did not have an*
- >> *alternative. Please give examples.*
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- > *Arbitrary examples:*
- > *- I can only configure my ADSL modem (ADT-Copperjet 813) with Windows.*
- > *- I can't configure the HP psc 750 with RHE WS. Windows is plug & play.*
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- > *Wouter*
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- >> *So Linux is a complete subsitution for Windows.*

The DSL routers and modems I come in daily contact with at my home/office and at my customers all just run web interfaces with standard HTML, they can be configured with any web browser (various Teledat modems, D-Link, Netgear and 3Com routers and router/modems).

I use Linux most of the time, I just use Windows when I need to edit project documents in Office, develop and test code for Windows platforms or play games (the games will run under Cedega, but they are too slow to be playable). That probably equates to 98% Linux at the moment (excluding playing games in the evenings).

Dave