

## Re: Where did Suse go?

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Pickles The Cat wrote:

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> *I agree and I disagree.*

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> *Yes, users may want to increase functionality over time.*

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> *However, based on the last three or four years, the basics of what the*

> *user wants remain the same.*

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> *You can make a list and a good OS should meet these requirements:*

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> *USB support*

> *MP3 support*

> *streaming video*

> *streaming audio*

> *accelerated graphics for gaming*

> *...and so on...*

Depends, a lot of corporates don't like people bringing in USB sticks, so they are trying to reduce the use of USB, so a business distro like NLD doesn't need good USB support (most will use network printers, scanners won't be used by many, maybe the odd PDA).

MP3 and streaming audio/video are often banned in corporate environments...

I know they were frowned upon by my last employer, and none of the clients

I worked at allowed streaming or the playing of music in the workplace.

A business machine doesn't need accelerated graphics for gaming, multi-head maybe, aber super-duper 3D support, forget it. Again, like the music and streaming, all the clients I have worked for had strict policies against playing games (or loading any software which wasn't authorised and installed from the corporate IS department for legal reasons) on company equipment.

> *However, right now, Suse is not tight enough for the typical home user (*

> *don't flame me yet, Windows XP isn't tight enough either !)* What I

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- > *hope Novell does is take the stability of Linux and marry it to a*
- > *quality controlled distribution scheme ( where they would, say, host*
- > *their own servers ) for downloading applications, drivers, etc.*
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- > *All the core packages would be vetted and qc'd, as would add on packages.*
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Erm, isn't that pretty much what SuSE and Novell *\*have\** been doing? OK, certain hardware combinations can cause problems, as they can under Windows (installing Windows on a modern PC is driver hell, Windows doesn't recognise half the devices in my desktop, let alone MS providing a central repository for drivers and apps, for my PC's, SuSE has had a 100% record so far of recognising devices and installing the relevant drivers).

NLD and SLES are very tightly controlled and there is a hardware compatibility list for SLES (and it wasn't that big last time I looked). SLP is tested on a wider range of equipment and is very reliable – I've installed it on over 20 different machines and, apart from one nVidia driver taking 3 attempts to install on one machine, I've never had any QC or stability problems – the machines often run for weeks at time...

Dave