

## Re: Suse Linux: Free, convoluted, confused and bug riddled.

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Steve Long wrote:

> *I confess that, since I bought Suse 9.2 Pro (yes, paid real money for it  
> from the manufacturers) I have tried to load it up three times – each time  
> on a new hard disk. I run it on a Pentium 3 (800MHz) and simply cannot get  
> it to make a successful load. The installer refuses to work with my  
> Philips LCD monitor so it needs to be installed in text mode. After  
> several hours the system claims to be installed but refuses to see the  
> network card in the machine – or the audio card! (both work happily when  
> the windows disk is inserted). It will get onto the internet through my  
> Network Router (even though it claims not to see the network card which it  
> is now operating through!) but will not allow setting up of the network  
> because 'it cannot find a network card'? Consequently I cannot get it to  
> see my network printers and have no hope of trying to network it with my  
> Windows network.*  
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> *I'm not trying to flame Suse, I desperately want to work on a Linux System  
> and bought Suse 9.2 because it seemed to be the most mature system. I have  
> now bought Mandrake and will attempt to run that system (on another new  
> hard disk).*  
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> *Yes I am a Windows user but it seems that phrase is the key – I can  
> actually use Windows without having to have a deep and intimate knowledge  
> of the component of the OS – Suse Linux is possibly as good or better  
> than Windows (heaven knows, I am not a fan of Gates' products) but it is  
> not in a position to wrest the market from Microsoft simply because it is  
> so difficult to get going – load time for Windows XP on new disk around 2  
> hours, load time for Suse 9.2 on new disk around 6 hours but with several  
> failed starts.*  
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> *If my windows installation fails I pick up the phone to Microsoft or get  
> onto the Windows XP user groups and get useful guidance on how to solve  
> the problem, when (not if) a Linux installation fails we get lambasted by  
> the users on groups like this for being Windows users. How can we learn to  
> use this superior(?) operating system if we can't even get it to load up  
> and run for us.*

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> *At this point umpteen users will reply that this never happened to us and*

> *I must be doing something wrong!*

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Your hardware is either faulty or not properly installed. Dell, by default, sets its HDs for cable select and I have seen Linux not like that too much.

Other than that, and unless you are trolling, it is hard to say what in god's name is going on. I can tell you that Suse takes about an hour to install on similar hardware to yours.