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Pat wrote:

Thanks for all the replies!

Since it sounds like this app (a finite element analysis code) will most likely work in 10.1, I guess I'll just give it a try.

You ARE aware that 10.1 is not yet out?

Yes, but it's at RC3 so my plan is (or was rather) to wait until it's officially released (which I think should be soon) and actually buy the box version off Amazon.

My plan is to install SuSE on a second hard drive (I have a few spares laying around) and play with it for a while. I used the Windows version of this app a lot so I have a good idea of how it should behave.

Yes, but if you have problems with the installation, you do not know whether this is due to a difference between 9.3 and 10.0 and that it can't run on 10.0 or that it is something else.

Good point. I think I'll email the company and ask if they've done any testing of this app on 10.0 (there's also a user forum I can check with). If not, then I'll probably go with 9.3 on my primary computer for now (to play it safe) and maybe install 10.1 on another machine just to see what's its like.

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In terms of Linux not being like Windows, I'm expecting there to be some differences. But in general I would expect it to be more similar than different (i.e. double click icons to launch applications and open folders; click and drag to move things around; nested directory/folder structures).
Is that not the case? If not, I think it's going to be hard to convince Joe public to switch.

What you are looking at is from a users point of view. The moment you start installing programs, you become the system administrator. That means more underlying knowledge of the system. Somebody who has no experience with Linux should acknowledge that he has no knowledge of Linux.

True. I plan to buy a good reference book (any recommendations?) that I can go to for such things. I have one for Windows XP which has proven very useful. Of course, there's also the web and newsgroups for the more esoteric stuff. In that respect I expect Linux to be different than Windows (but I hope no harder).

Linux is not another kind of Windows. If that keeps Joe Sicpack away, then so be it. I am not in competition with M\$.

I personally would like to see more balance in market place to encourage software vendors to support multiple platforms. That way you're free to choose the OS that performs best for the types of software that you use.

Pat

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