

Re: Internet Explorer emulator?

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Darrell Stec wrote:

Most companies (and Dell is the exception and newest kid on the block with Recovery partitions) have a disk image of not just the Windows operating system but also all the applications and drivers that original came on the computer.

And since I've helped quite a few people order such disks, I know for a fact the price is not nominal unless of course one considers \$200 to \$300 nominal. And the replacement disks you will get is an exact copy of the backup disks one should have made in the first place, i.e. the full backup of the recover partition complete with OS, applications and drivers, a mirror image of the original hard drive. You don't get the independent disks for windows.

Close – but I've had the pleasure? of working with several versions lately and the recovery partitions contain a customized version of the installation that also includes all the crapware the OEM wants to sell you as well as their own recovery programs. Lenovo, for example, still uses the IBM Thinkvantage app and omits a lot of drivers for hardware not shipped with the original machine. I usually wind up spending a while on the net pulling drivers for old or strange stuff when I get around to restoring something I've managed to clobber while the generic discs from MS are a bit more complete (and have their own adware). The recovery partition is pretty much a scripted install of the system from custom images. Oh, and most seem to take at least 3 times as long as a fresh install.

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