

Re: Given Up on Linux1

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On Tue, 13 Apr 2004 16:32:03 GMT, Mike Bothwell <mbothwel@swbell.net> wrote:

>Hey guys (and gals),
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>I am truly sorry. I had just had an epiphany and I realized what I did.
> sybren, harry, pete and all the others, you were right. I was wrong.
> I had not realized I had walked into KinderCare and out of ignorance
>said to the children "Santa Claus does not exist". It was not the place
>to do this. How stupid was I? Pretty stupid! What reaction did I
>expect? I should not have expected to be greeted warmly. And why did I
>argue, I should have known it was pointless. I learned it with my
>teenagers years ago and I didn't realize what I was doing in a newsgroup
>expecting something different. I forgot this is a fantasy world where
>trolls and twits exist...LOL!
>
>I'm truly sorry guys. I didn't mean to insult you. Can we still play?
> There really is a Santa Claus. I was just kidding.

Time for my piece.

I followed this thread and the others you spawned relatively silently, hell I even offered to try and help (my suggestions you appeared to completely ignore and not respond to, did you even try them?).

The second you have a lover's tiff with one or two in the group you start tarring us all with the same brush. Things seem to quieten down then you go and post a pointless thread like this one. You claim to be older and wiser than all people here, then refuse to let arguments lie and try to goad people into flamewars. Why? If you are so mature and have better things to do with your time, how come you persist in trying to engage arguments here?

I've encountered lots of people like you throughout my career. You're the type I used to get on the phone years ago when I worked helpdesk. When trying to explain something simple to you, you feel belittled and feel the need to state "I've been in computing for fifteen years, dealt with thousands of computers, you should be lucky I'm even

lowering myself to speak to you, blah blah" to find out the person on the phone can't even tell the difference between the left and right mouse buttons.

Yes people react out of frustration, I've done it myself. I have always kept the level headedness though that I am but one person and am incapable of knowing everything, therefore if something doesn't work with a well written, well bug tested, well supported operating system, there might, JUST MIGHT, be something that –I– missed and what do you know? Usually there is something –I– missed.

Software has bugs. Its in the nature of software to have bugs. Whether the software is written by one person, a team of people or hundreds/thousands of contributors, it is going to have bugs. There are two things you can do about this. One: Report the bug and wait for a fix. Two: Rant and rave and give up. I tell you what though, next time you encounter a bug in Windows, try and report it, and see how long before it gets fixed, see how long it is before you even get a response sent to you personally from Microsoft, without spending a penny of your money. You'll be waiting a long time.

Linux is community driven. Its roots are based upon free software and the people who use it pulling together to make it better, regardless of the distribution. Linux encourages competition, even within itself, that's obvious from the number of distributions that there are available. It is a matter of pride for a distro to have a lot of users, more users than another distro, and have that user base happy. Reported bugs get fixed.

So what if Windows booted fine on the hardware that you had problems with under Fedora Core 1? Its well documented that Fedora is very new and highly experimental. If you were half the IT expert you claim to be, you should know that research goes into the decision of which software to use on your hardware platform. Assumption is the mother of all fuck ups. I've seen and experienced many more annoying limitations of Windows that simply don't exist in Linux. At least with Linux limitations I know that if they're not already being worked on, they will be soon.

This newsgroup and others like it is run and responded to by people in their spare time out of the goodness of their hearts. You're not the first person they've seen make assumptions, nor will you be the last. You came with no revelations that Linux has bugs. It was not news that you came from a Windows background and find that Windows works on more obtuse hardware. (Before you argue that an L440GX based motherboard is not obtuse, compare the number of those in circulation to the number of 440BX, 850, VIAKT266/333/400, nforce or AMD based motherboards in circulation). It is also no secret that Intel and Microsoft are in bed together. So don't be so hurt that when you act like so many others that have succeeded in pissing people off in these newsgroups, you get exactly the same response all the others received.

It is nothing personal. It is how people who give up/make assumptions/make false accusations/shout pro Windows in these pro Linux newsgroups are treated. Think we're out of line? Go post anti Windows posts in pro Microsoft newsgroups, see what kind of a response you get.

If you believe we're such arseholes, check out the other threads in this group. Many MANY people, from newbie to pro, ask and receive help. They receive it from me, Harry, Dan C, Aaron, Sybren, Dave, Ruel, Cybe R and many MANY others, apologies to those I've missed these are names I recall off the top of my head.

Yes people like Dan C can get a bit heated, I've picked him up for it myself. He still tries to help, he just has a little less patience than some. So? This is a newsgroup he provides his free time and expertise to.

There is no Santa Claus, there is no Easter Bunny. There is no such thing as bug free software and there is no such thing as a free lunch. Linux is free to use, so it costs you a bit of time in trying to use it. Windows has bugs, Linux has bugs. Lets see which OS's bugs get fixed quicker. While you go and grapple with your internet worms and viruses on Windows, I'll worry about shock horror how many MS worm packets my iptables firewall is dropping, and how long a batch of updates is going to take to download and compile, for free, that I don't have to download using a specific web browser.

Jubei out.

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