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<blerer@xxxxxxxx> a écrit dans le message de
news:1134150162.094054.101290@xx
> Gremnebulin wrote:
>> blerer@xxxxxxxx wrote:
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>>> Is it possible (and, if so, how) to burn a CDR so that, when the system
>>> boots, it will display something like
>>>
>>> For XP – highlight here and press return/press 1 (or whatever)
>>> For Fedora – highlight here and press return/press 2 (or whatever)
>>
>> This utility will do that (it is genreal–purpose)..
>>
>> http://www.sofotex.com/Smart-BootManager-download_L15736.html
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>> ..form a floppy.
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> Thanks for the link. This is exactly the type of software I was
> looking for, but in this case there are two problems. First, this
> particular computer doesn't have a floppy; of course, one could be
> installed but it would be easier to if Smart Boot Manager could be run
> from a CD. And from whatever info I could gather, it doesn't seem like
> that's possible.
>
> Second, SBM seems to be about 5–6 old. Does anyone have any idea how
> it behaves with newer OSs such as XP and FC4?
>
> Bruno
>

I have to tell you about how much I love my computer and its operating system. Everything goes smooth. It's all well–thought, mature, and welcoming.

It takes but a few mouse clicks to accomplish what other so–called operating systems would have required hours (if not days) of MANPAGEing, web searching, or begging to IRC lordly gurus, to carry out. No wonder it is bill gates, not

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the richest man.

Yes, that's right, in the Windows world nobody is going to call you a noob or a lamer just because you're not acquainted with some arcane computer stuff. The majority of software developers will gladly lower themselves to your non-geek level and provide you with easy to use, hassle-free applications, so you can forget about the technical knowledge behind the tools presented to you. You want to use a USB ADSL modem? Install the driver (that is, choose the directory to which needed files will be copied), plug it in, and there you are! No need to edit any configuration file by hand. No need to start VI, thank goodness.

VI... that fascinating, infamous piece of junk. Surely it has to be the very pathetic emblem of the Linux crusade.

VI starts with an empty screen. It retains all of its alleged power and offers you no hint, no help, and shows no apparent willingness to communicate in any way. It is so pitiful that it makes DEBUG.COM look like a masterpiece of user-friendliness. Perhaps it may have looked tight to couple a regExp engine with a blank screen a few decades ago. But that same unfunctional user-interface is still around today, worshipped in its prehistorical form by every Linux fanatic.

Mind you, if I found myself stranded on a *nix machine, I would rather use a PERL script than start VI. After all, PERL is committed to communicating.

Of course there are other, less archaic tools available on the linux platforms, but not one comes close to the seriousness and the ease of use that characterise most Microsoft products, despite the fact that a significant number of those tools try hard to imitate their Windows counterpart. That's because Linux is loser-friendly : it was designed for nerds, for people who spend their day (and possibly part of their night time) behind a computer screen. Windows is different, you can have a social life and still be able to make the most of your computer.

Naturally everything is not perfect ; there are flaws and weaknesses in Windows, partly because it is the product of a team working in a highly pressurised commercial environment, and partly because of the malevolent acting of a tight-knit hateful community, operating backstage in an envious effort to sabotage microsoft's successful line of products, and steal market shares. They put considerable energy into breaking popular applications (read : Windows-based software), taking it through torture testing and reverse-engineering in order to spot a weak point and then exploit it in the making of virii, trojans or other malware which they heartily spread and see to it that it harms the largest possible number of family and business users around the world. Surely it is those angry *nix fanatics, bent on destroying microsoft's reputation, who are the

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responsible for the security issues everybody is talking about.

But whatever the nuisance, there is nothing a software patch cannot fix, and microsoft make them available readily, so no worries.

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