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On top of that, it's impossible to RTFM when you don't know the actual command that you need to run. Something as simple as "df" is impossible to find without relying on someone else. Finding free disk space is easy in Windows, even for a total n00b.

Ok, I'll bite:

<http://www.google.com> -> free disk space linux

First link:

Computing.Net – Free disk space checking in linux

Hi EveryBody I want check the free space in my hard disk, how check, suppose i'm having 10GB HDD, i used only 7GB, i want check how much remaining s...

www.computing.net/linux/wwwboard/forum/27739.html – 22k –

Hmmm...let's click it:

<snip>

Not even mentioning the GUI tools (konqueror allows you a right click->properties on a device in Storage media).

Huh, I should better get that Nobel prize since I'm so smart :)

For what? Proving my point? You had to go to a third party to find out how to do something as simple as find out how much free disk space you had. That's what I said... "Relying on someone else." Where on the system itself does it tell you to use DF?

On the other hand, what's the most common fix for windows? Reinstall.

How many people can reinstall windows on their own? Less

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than one
percent of computer users.

Uhm... I know more people who fix Linux with a reinstall than Windows.

Sure, the windows users who are linux users wannabies :) We're not speaking about ignorant users, we're speaking about things that can and cannot be done.

Screw the registry? Reinstall. Erase the /etc dir? A moment of work, the system is nowhere near critical status that needs reinstalling.

I
guess you're just illiterate and don't know how to use Windows. Pot,
kettle,
black.

You know, I would really like to know how you came to that conclusion :)
Particularly the train of thought thing :)

When you said, "Screw the registry? Reinstall." This is exactly what I'd expect a WINDOWS user to do.

Why would you reinstall just because some registry entry got mashed? It's easy to merge a backup, or even to just edit the offending entries.

I have the same number of Windows PC's and Linux. I'd love to switch everything over to Linux but I need to be compatible with the office. The wife needs something that she can use and she's not willing to spend days trying to get simple tasks to work.

Are we trying to change the subject? :)

No, I'm showing that Windows *IS* better for many people. That's one of the reasons that they use it.

I couldn't care less about
office compatibility – I tell clients to use ISO standard for office
files (ODF).

Funny... I fix my customers issues, not tell them that they're idiots.

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Yes, my clients comply ... they have to >:) I'm not telling them to go and spend money, OO.org is free.

Until it trashes their system and they have no idea how to fix it.

"Better" is in the eyes of the beholder.

Cut the crap. Better is in the light of stability, flexibility, configurability... when it comes to OS.

Right... and Windows beats Linux hands down where the masses are concerned.