

# Bullshit !

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Hi Grant Edwards,

Mike Cox asked: <<

If I sent you a tilt wheel mouse free,  
how long would it take you to create a driver for it  
at your hourly rate ? >>

And you replied: <<

If the protocol is documented  
and the hardware actually works,  
I would guess 8-16 hours. >>

Bullshit ! You are Not a programmer.

It would take 40 to 80 hours  
to do a half-reasonable hack job.

Even then, you'd have to ask yourself:

If it's so damn easy to write a driver for  
Microsoft's tilt-wheel mice  
how come \_ No \_ one on  
this God-damned planet has done it ? !

Further, how come Linux doesn't have a driver  
for my Trackball Explorer ?

As a professional programmer,  
I've been using mice ever since the start of 1982...

And I've written drivers too.

And I think the Trackball Explorer  
is the best pointing device ever invented.

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Yet Linux ignores that,  
along with nearly every other device  
sold at places like Office Depot.