

Re: Should I dump Suse?

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Stefan Viljoen wrote:

> *Hi!*

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> *I use Linux (RedHat) mainly for raytracing. I think you may have been
> polluted by Suse – I recently had to help a friend install Suse 9 on his
> PC, and he is having lots of problems. Maybe I am biased being a RedHat
> fan, but the Suse desktop seems "overweight" and very slow. RedHat 9 in
> comparison, being a contemporary distro, is quite fast and IMHO very very
> reliable – my 1.8GHz P4 system is constantly reasonably heavily (average of
> about 4 or 5) loaded with at least three or four PovRay processes going all
> the time.*

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> *Even with those, my normal usage of the system is only slightly diminished –
> KDE is still quite fast (i. e. a response to a click within one second) and
> most applications except OO open in about the same time (say two seconds
> longer than normal) when tracing three images in the background.*

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> *Additionally, I used to work in the local equivalent of a 911 center and we
> had Rh7.2 running a proprietary app in there on a network with Windows
> machines – I also did some part time work at an Internet company where the
> webserver was a RedHat 6.5 machine – I have found all RedHat distros I have
> been exposed to or that I have used so far EXTREMELY reliable, quite easy
> to configure and up to speed with contemporary hardware (i. e. Rh9). But I
> have too have not been terribly impressed by Suse.*

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> *I would seriously suggest first trying a recent RedHat distro (Fedora is
> quite good, I gather) before dumping Linux altogether.*

This is a difficult choice. I have had good luck with internationalization issues with Suse, as my wife is Thai and we've been able to get her system to handle Thai language for most important apps, except for internet messaging.

Now my company is standardizing on RedHat Enterprise edition, so if I want support from them, I have to use it.

I suppose I might give it a try. But I am not sure if the version they are using at the moment will support my SATA drive and Via K8T800

chipset. I'll check it out though, I think.

> *I understand the Windows / Linux applications issue – in some areas I agree*
> *that Windows does have the edge. I am in the same situation that you are –*
> *there are certain Windows apps that I just cannot do without – but quite*
> *regularly nowadays I am finding a reasonable Linux equivalent. I can only*
> *hope that one day in the not too distant future Linux will be able to offer*
> *exactly the same or much the same classes and types of apps that average*
> *ppl need. Stay tuned – don't tune out Linux!*

I won't. I really don't like Windows.

Thanks for the input.

good day!

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