

Re: Linux for Kids

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chris writes:

> *We don't "hate" him, just despise his business methods and don't like his
> "operating systems".*

Why don't you hate Scott Neely, Larry Ellison, and Andy Groves? They're just as bad.

> *No. Windows is not a "good commercial product". It is unreliable,
> insecure, slow, and not "fit for purpose".*

This is demonstrably and obviously untrue. Only those with a religious attachment to other operating systems seriously believe it.

> *There are several good reasons for hating his "enterprise". Microsoft has
> held back computing for over 15 years, and has bribed, stolen and forced
> its' way to the top of the heap.*

No company (except perhaps Intel) has advanced microcomputing more than Microsoft.

> *Microsoft has NEVER innovated – they have
> just seen a technology that they think will suit their purpose and then
> stolen the code (like "Stacker" for example), or bought out the company
> that developed it.*

Did Linus invent his kernel, or did he "steal" the concept from, say, UNIX?

> *There are even some significant parts of Windows that
> are directly stolen from BSD.*

Whereas Linux looks nothing like any other OS.

> *No. Modern, forward thinking schools in this country are using other
> operating systems, despite Bill Gates "buying" his way into the
> "government" with huge bribes.*

No, they are not. Preparing students for the real world is important, and raising them on operating systems that practically no one uses is not a step in this direction.

> *No it isn't. It's insecure, unstable, slow and bloated.*

The usual baseless assertions. Show me the benchmarks.

> *Unfortunately, the average domestic user sees Windows as "free" because it came "free" on their new computer.*

So?

> *Win 2003 has a mean time to crash of around 20 minutes, and lasted just under four minutes on the 'net before it was compromised – it cost over \$100 per minute of uptime!*

Show me the benchmarks.

> *Linux is now also better for the desktop – the kde is better integrated than much of Windows, and the "Office" options (OOo, Koffice) actually work properly without crashing.*

Linux is lightyears away from Windows on the desktop, and even further away from the Mac.

> *Real computer users call Windows "GameOS" – it's all it's any good for. It certainly isn't fit for serious use.*

With a quarter–million "serious" applications available only on Windows, it's the only game in town for most people with serious work to do.

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