

Re: Linux for Kids

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Mxsmanic wrote:

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

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

Wrong! Under the "Sale of Goods Act" in this country, Windows is not "fit for purpose". There are a number of major companies and institutions here that are pursuing Bill and his corporation for the damage to trade and insecurities that his crapware has caused.

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

Don't be silly. All the "invention" that MS proudly proclaims is just theft. I've had algorithms and methods stolen by MS, as have any number of other software innovators. This is one of the risks of the GPL – anyone can steal your work and claim it as their own.

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

Perhaps you should consider what he actually did. He wanted a "minix-alike", but without the expense. That's what he achieved. There was no theft of intellectual property.

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

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> *Whereas Linux looks nothing like any other OS.*

It might look similar, but it doesn't rely on actually stolen code. MS haven't invented any original code, but have persisting in buying and stealing from real innovators.

>> *No. Modern, forward thinking schools in this country are using other*

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- >> *operating systems, despite Bill Gates "buying" his way into the*
- >> *"government" with huge bribes.*
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- > *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.*

Business users are leaving Windoze in droves. They're fed