

# Re: Why Ubuntu (Still) Sucks – Part 2: Compiz Fusion

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Frank wrote:

[http://weblog.infoworld.com/enterprisedesktop/archives/2007/10/why\\_ubuntu\\_stil\\_1.html](http://weblog.infoworld.com/enterprisedesktop/archives/2007/10/why_ubuntu_stil_1.html)

..."There's this video on YouTube. It's all about the new "eye candy" in Windows and Ubuntu. In the first part of the video, the unseen demonstrator shows-off Windows Vista Aero, including some of the more talked-about UI effects (Flip3D, live Task Bar thumbnails, etc.). In the second part, they show Ubuntu with Compiz Fusion enabled. The demonstrator shows how the "Compiz-ified" Ubuntu windows warp and bend; how they can be stretched and deformed; how they can be configured to seemingly "burn-up" in a flash of virtual smoke and fire.

The whole demo takes place against the backdrop of a pulsing bit of techno beat ("Lyrical Gangsta?"), making for a decidedly surreal experience. It's Ubuntu with Compiz Fusion enabled – a.k.a. Linux on crack.

Of course, like most attempts by the Linux community to parrot Windows Vista, the aforementioned "eye candy showdown" misses the forest for the trees. Yes, Vista includes some new UI effects and animations. However, unlike Linux and the whole Compiz Fusion head trip, the effects in Vista serve a practical purpose: To clarify the basic functions of the user interface. Moreover, the effects themselves are the product of many months of research and usability studies about how users interact with GUIs in a production environment...."

LOL! Yet another SLANTED OPINION lacking ALL the FACTS. Yes, Compiz does have "eye candy" effects as does Vista, but it also has some very good productive features, "Plug-ins," that does enhance productivity which the author completely omits. ..More so than Vista actually. I happen to like "eye-candy" as do many others, whether it be my Vista Ultimate or Linux with Compiz. So what? It's totally MY preference as it should be. AND how laughable is the statement, "Of course, like most attempts by the Linux community to parrot Windows Vista," really, get a grip! Not even close. If anything, Microsoft has parroted, as usual, Apple AND Linux.

To name just a couple productivity enhancements in Linux with Compiz, try Scale, Desktop Zoom, and virtual desktops, to name a few which totally rock. How does someone accuse Linux with Compiz of "parroting" Vista with those, (and other), enhancements? LOL, you can't, as Vista doesn't have them, and most likely will never have them. (Unless they COPY them. LOL)

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The ONLY "parrotting" SOME Linux distributions may do is to look and feel SIMILAR to Windows in order to give new Linux users familiarity so they can get used to change. That's it, no underlying reasons at all.

I will say that many of the YouTube videos showing off Compiz, center on the "eye candy" rather than the productivity, which is silly. If one wants to make a point, one should display the most useful reasons for switching.

Of course this falls on deaf ears, and thus nasty comments, bluster, and most foul comments will follow. Yeah, like I care, I do what I want, you do what YOU want, but STFU.

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