

Re: Pay for MS anti-malware service!

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> Kerry Brown wrote:

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>> Selling services has been going on a long time. Isn't the Redhat business
>> model built on selling services.

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> Yes, Redhat bases its business model on selling services, the same way
> that

> Mandriva does, SuSE and others. BUT, the big difference is that they
> aren't

> also selling the OS and on top of that charging for services like M\$ is
> proposing to do.

I just searched redhat.com trying to download the redhat enterprise distro for free. I couldn't find it. Please point me to a link where I can download it for free (not a trial version). I could well be wrong but I couldn't find it.

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> I can choose to pay a Linux distributor for their services (read support)

> or

> get the OS without paying a thing if I don't require or want to pay for
> their support. In the case of M\$, to run their OSs, you MUST purchase
> them.

> So I don't think you can make a case that M\$ is just doing what others are
> doing, like you're suggesting.

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> It strikes me, as it does many others, that this move by M\$ is a conflict
> of

> interest. It is M\$ that is ultimately responsible for all the holes and
> exploits in its OS model and after charging the outrageous amounts it
> charges for its software, to turn around a plug these holes through a paid
> subscription is not right. That looks like double dipping to me at the
> end-user's expense.

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You don't have to pay for Windows updates. There has been no announcement that they are discontinuing that service. If you want more than that you have to pay extra.

Your bias towards linux is showing. You cut out the parts of my post that were about other operating systems. I have no axe to grind with linux. I was showing examples of other companies that use a similar business model to Microsoft. I believe that linux could be a viable alternative to Microsoft but it won't be from the linux "community". It will be from one company that markets their particular version exclusively. To survive they will have to do many of the things that the linux community doesn't like about Microsoft. That's the way business works. It's all about profit. If you don't show a profit reasonably consistantly you go out of business. So far no one in the computer industry has come up with a different business model that works.

Kerry

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> --[*Usenet FAQ*]--
> A. Yes it is. It's called "Top Posting" and frowned on by the Usenet
> community.
> Q. But isn't that backasswards?
> A. If their reply comes BEFORE what they are quoting, they probably use
> Outlook Express under Windoze.
> Q. How can I tell what OS a Usenet poster runs?
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