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- *From:* NoStop <nostop@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
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>From his spyware and virus infected Windoze box, NobodyMan had this to say:

> On Sat, 02 Jul 2005 01:36:24 GMT, NoStop <nostop@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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>>Lester Stiefel wrote:

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>>> The Verdict is in. I will be moving over to linux

>>> mandrake (mandriva) soon. Will continue to help here until

>>> then. The problems with explorer malfunctioning when

>>> moving/renaming files clinched the move.

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>>VERY smart move! I did it some time ago and have been more than happy.

>>Finally a stable OS without worrying about malware, trojans, worms,

>>viruses, adware, etc. etc. This system of mine just keeps on running and

>>is loaded with tons of quality and free open source software.

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> That is of course your opinion. I've been running both Mandrake 10.1

> and XP Pro. I prefer XP, as I haven't had a lockup/reboot now, except

> for some hotfixes, in over a year. My Linux install has locked up

> twice this month, needing rebooting (oh, and what is this, the Second

> of July?). I've used both Linux open source and Windows programs and

> personally, prefer the Windows versions, but to each his own I guess.

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Windows versions of what? You prefer the Windows version of FireFox over the Linux version? Or do you mean you prefer spending money on Windows software as opposed to getting Open Source Software for free? If the latter, then you indeed are unique and might I add, not too bright.

>>Never have to worry about the tedious upkeep required in Windows, like

>>defragging my hard drives or keeping up with all the various anti-malware

>>updates.

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> I rarely defrag my hard drive and have never had any problems. Same

> for the hundreds of computers I maintain at work that use XP. No

> problems. The software updates are pretty automatic.

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Gawd help those hundreds of computer users you support at work if you've

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never had to defrag their Windows hard drives. They must be magical hard drives, because every Windows system I've heard of requires regular defragging of the hard drive to keep them "tuned" and working at some kind of half-ass decent speed.

- > Also, don't pretend that Linux doesn't have just as many patches and
- > security fixes as Windows. It isn't hit as hard by virus writers
- > because it has such a tiny slice of the OS market. As it gains market
- > share, you'll see more and more viruses written for it, you wait and
- > see.
- >

Yeh, heard this MickeyMouse FUD for years now and it is just so much b.s. One only has to look at what is driving the Internet to see that the preferred method is using LAMP servers (Linux, Apache, mySQL, PHP) and if there is any opportunity to try and do damage it is to hit these web servers. Yet, why have there been no successful viruses directed at them? For the same reason there isn't to Linux boxes generally. The OS itself is written properly so that viruses can't do damage to the OS. The VERY few viruses written for Linux that have been tested in labs show that they are not effectual in terms of impacting the OS in any major way like the Windoze viruses (thousands of them) circulating around the Net.

>>On top of that, I can load the OS on as many different computers  
>>around here without ever worrying about activation, purchasing additional  
>>licenses, etc. Installation is quicker than installing XP and all hardware  
>>drivers get installed when the OS installs, instead of having to search  
>>them out afterwards.

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- > Don't pretend this always happens. EVERYTHING in my XP box was
- > detected on Windows setup, which was done in 32 minutes. The Linux
- > install took over an hour, on identical hardware, and I had to do some
- > searching to get some of the hardware drivers to work.
- >

Again, more FUD. I'm not aware of very many motherboards today that don't require their special driver package to be installed AFTER Windoze XP is installed. Also, what you fail to mention is that when most Linux distros are installed, not only is the OS installed but hundreds of software packages are installed at the same time and this generally happens in well under an hour. Compare that to Windoze where after 32 minutes and a number of reboots one finally has the basic OS installed. Then it's time to go and install all the equivalent software applications that Linux installs in the process of installation. Tell me that is all accomplished in your magic 32 minutes. :-) We all know that it can take hours and hours to get a Windoze system back when a full reinstallation is required that includes all the groovy Windoze software that costs thousands of dollars. How many minutes do you add to that 32 minutes to get the MickeyMouse Office Suite installed after you've got the OS installed? Then your CD burning package? Then your newsreader package? Then your photo editing software? (or do you rely on Paint?), etc. etc. etc.

>>My system runs twice as fast as it did running XP (as

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>>does my broadband connection), has a more customizable desktop that looks  
>>much better than XP will ever look and far more functional. Downloading  
>>and installing one of 18,000+ software packages just requires a click of  
>>the mouse thanks to Easy URPMI. (<http://easyurpmi.zarb.org/>)

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> I've experienced about the same speed on both systems. As for how  
> fast your broadband connection runs, come on. Your connection will  
> only run AT THE SPEED OF THE CONNECTION. The OS doesn't control this;  
> the ISP does. Don't cloud that issue. I also can't get Linux to give  
> me the same resolutions as XP does on my desktop, meaning I have less  
> screen real-estate to work with, a big minus in some of my desktop  
> graphic work.

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This statement of yours confirms that you have no idea what you're talking  
about! I pity the hundreds of computer users you claim to support daily.  
Linux TCP/IP stack is much more efficient than the one that comes with  
Windoze. Here's an example of a reported test on the two stacks and info on  
where you too can go and test it ...

[http://www.w-3productions.com/cvcs/weblog/archives/2005/04/comparing\\_linux\\_1.html](http://www.w-3productions.com/cvcs/weblog/archives/2005/04/comparing_linux_1.html)

Although your ISP might say it's offering you a 10Mbps connection, surely  
you know that in the real world the throughput hardly approaches this  
figure. Whatever connection does happen in the real world is further  
impacted by the efficiency of the TCP/IP stack and Linux is close to being  
twice as fast as the Windoze one in real terms.

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>>Welcome to the world of a REAL operating system that gives you choice and  
>>power far beyond anything available in XP. If I had to purchase equivalent  
>>software for XP, I'd be spending thousands of dollars and left to the whim  
>>of the closed source developers if the software has a problem. Mandrake  
>>rocks!

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> I find it's programs less intuitive than Windows versions, but let's  
> face it, that's because there is very little money in it so the  
> writers don't spend as much of their effort on it.

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Again, more FUD from Nobodyman. I'd say that for major most popular open  
source applications the developers who write them under peer pressure from  
others who can actually read their code, their efforts to improve and  
update their software far exceeds proprietary ones that base their updates  
on little more than marketing and when they can charge their customers for  
the next upgrade. There are many examples of this. For example, look at the  
work that's been done to bring FireFox to the world compared to the  
slack-ass update schedule we've seen in IE. Now, whose been working harder  
for the enduser? Still waiting for your tabbed IE browser like so many  
others around here? What's taking MickeyMouse so damned long to produce  
something that Mozilla for example has had for a long long time now? I  
won't bother to get into the security issues of the compared browsers, as  
we all know which is preferred when it comes to safely surfing the Net.

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- > If you like it fine, that's great, go use Linux. Just don't try
- > pushing it in a group dedicated to Windows XP.

Your response simply confirms that you'd prefer the truth be withheld from Windoze users because you obviously have an economic interest in maintaining your Windoze support job. I was simply replying to a post here, as were you. If this topic was so off-topic, why did you even bother to jump in? Oh, I know! To spread your FUD.

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