

Re: simple wish list for next OS

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On Saturday 21 January 2006 09:22 pm, Kerry Brown had this to say in microsoft.public.windowsxp.general:

> NoStop wrote:

>> On Saturday 21 January 2006 02:44 pm, Shenan Stanley had this to say
>> in microsoft.public.windowsxp.general:

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> snip

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>>> Much like Floppy Disks – outlived their ability to do what was
>>> needed in an OS as complex as Windows XP has become.

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>> BS. Linux a much more advanced o/s than Windows XP keeps all its
>> configuration settings in numerous text files, making it easy for a
>> user to edit and configure. There is NO good reason for placing all
>> configuration within a database like the Windows registry, unless it
>> is to make it more difficult for the end-user to control the state of
>> his/her computer.

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> OK, now your taking one of Linux's weakest points and saying it is a
> feature? When will you stop spouting FUD. I have administered many
> different OS'. Linux is the hardest to administer precisely because of the
> numerous text files. Many are very poorly documented. There is no standard
> naming
> convention. Every distro uses different files sometimes even in different
> places. It is a mess.

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Sorry Kerry, but I totally disagree with you. We're comparing the Windows registry here against Linux config files. Most config files on Linux have some sort of usage/explanation contained right in the text file. Compare that to a registry entry where there isn't room for any kind of explanation at all. There are so many ways to access and edit these config files in Linux ... even remotely should one be faced with a GUI interface that won't respond. What do you do when there's a problem in the Windows registry and the o/s won't start at all because of it? Fixing a seriously corrupted

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Windows registry is a nightmare if even possible. A Linux config file is extremely easy to get at and fix if required.

I can agree with you that different distros may place these config files in different places, but they aren't all that different. Once one understands how Linux works, this isn't a big issue. Certainly not nearly as big an issue as the Windows registry that is totally undocumented and inaccessible from outside the desktop.

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