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On 27 jun, 10:29, Alias <a...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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On 26 jun, 11:58, Alias <a...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

louisebeanie wrote:

Is someone able to tell me the advantages of Windows XP Pro over Ubuntu Linux 7.04? I need help with a computer test I am doing and I can't really put it into words? Can someone help me? Thank you so much. Louise.

There are no advantages, only disadvantages:

Problem XP Pro Feisty Fawn
Viruses Yes No
Malware Yes No
Bloatware Yes No
Activation Yes No
Windows Genuine
Advantage Yes No
Cost Yes No
Install on
Multiple Computers No Yes

I hope this helps and forgive the arrogant Microsoft Boys and Girls for flaming you. They can't help it as they *know* the above is true.

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You can't compare Ubuntu and XP in such a simple manner.

I just did.

Ubuntu evolved a lot as a desktop alternative, BUT Microsoft has a clear advantage with applications as Office (if you want we can compare it against OpenOffice) dominating the market, DirectX for gaming, hardware support, and so on.

If one needs office, one can run it in Wine. If one needs a gaming machine; you're right, Windows is the OS for gaming but only because the people who make the gaming software don't make it for Linux. The same is true for hardware support. As Linux becomes more popular and people get wise to the Microsoft Con Game, the hardware and gaming people will start supporting Linux.

Again you can't compare costs, you MUST use the TCO (Total Cost of Ownership), just because you can download and operating system and install it for FREE, it doesn't mean that won't cost any money over time.

It hasn't cost me one red penny since I installed it a year ago.

Genuine Advantage? I don't think this is a bad thing, it's just marketing for a service, and let's face it, UBUNTU also sell support, but it isn't mandatory (this adds to the TCO by the way)

Genuine Advantage is a flawed program that only inconveniences paying customers and does absolutely nothing to stop piracy, not that MS' paying customers should be forced to help MS or the police catch pirates. IBID WPA.

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Viruses, worms, and all kind of malware targets all kind of operating systems, Windows having such a big market share, is THE target. I know your response, 60% of Web sites runs Apache/Linux why they aren't they attacked? well, read this
[:http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/01/05/windows_linux_unix_security_v...](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/01/05/windows_linux_unix_security_v...)

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There are no known viruses or malware in the wild for Ubuntu. Period.

What's the most expensive component of an average Windows computer? The CPU? No. The motherboard. No. The hard drive? No. The video card? No. Windows? YES.

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So, as far as I can see, when you need a killer app you need a windows api emulator... this is because?

:)

Maybe you have an alternative, use bochs or qemu for running Windows for doing real works (hey! at least you are running Linux at "low level")

About Virus?

Remember that IT security is more just virus, I'll say it again read:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/01/05/windows_linux_unix_security_vulnerabilities/

In an enterprise environment where desktops PCs are the weakest link this is far more critical than viruses, I (as a sysadmin) don't like a denial of service, don't like buggy daemons, I work in a network with 4000 windows 2k and xp machines, a VIRUS NEVER pass the DMZ, or wasn't filtered by our Windows Antivirus (TrendMicro).

Cost again

It's really easy (my salary and extra hours add to the TCO) to keep up to date with services like Windows Update, it's really easy the management with ActiveDirectory (less people add less to the TCO).

Now for the regular guy desktop

Now, far from the IT department, I just wonder what grandma could say if her new printer or webcam isn't recognized by Ubuntu, but hey! it really easy, I should send a mail, something like this:

"Grandma, download the latest kernel (do you know where to get it no?, we had this problema a few months ago), for the new webcam there is a driver written by a 15 years old kid, download the tarball (I'm sorry

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grandma, this isn't at the ubuntu universe or multiverse for download)
a compile it, should work ok!

P.S grandma, remember the tar parameters you forgot last time!"

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