

Re: Loving the FreeBSD

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On Wednesday 20 August 2003 10:44 am, Ramanan Selvaratnam wrote:

> > *Installing FreeBSD 5.1: about ten minutes, with zero reboots.*

> > *Versus.*

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> *To be fair and clear -- With a GUI 'desktop' environment and all in*

> *ten minutes?*

To be fair, I didn't install KDE or GNOME at that time. But I did install XFree86 and Windowmaker. This is still pretty damned fast, so how is it possible? Simple. The system is a 2.8GHz P4, installing from DVD drive onto Serial ATA harddrive (UDMA150).

> *Important -- you missed the important comparision about the system*
> *respecting the user's freedoms.*

Yes, I forget that. I ran into some major culture shocks when installing and using WinXP. Product activation? License agreements for *drivers*? Some of the "privacy" options while installing Media Player were absolutely bizarre! And don't even get me started on DVD regions.

I have absolutely no problems with paying for software. Heck, I'm on a FreeBSD subscription, and it's free beer! But this shareware mentality in Windows land is twisted. Either these guys have delusional ideas about the quality of their software, or they're completely reprobate.

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