

Re: Free UNIX for non-commerical use.

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"Anthony Mandic" <o3@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:3F23C093.548E771C@hotmail.com...

> *Yuan wrote:*

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>>>> *Why? Do Microsoft do this?*

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>>> *50 UK pounds for Windows 2000 student license,*

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>>> *Which isn't exactly free.*

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>> *Cheaper than most Unix OS.*

>

> *And how much for a Unix license for a student?*

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HP-UX, Irix and Solaris have no student licensing program.

>>> *My second copy of Windows 2000 was given to me for free by MS UK.*

>>>

>>> *That's sounds more like it. So they do do it.*

>>>

>> *So? it's a special case.*

>

> *Is it? Why didn't you state that when you first mentioned it then?*

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Because it happens, not just to me, but to the other students as well,
but it's not common for MS to give their softwares away for free.

>>> *Ah! So that explains his troll post.*

>>>

>> *No, it's just a simple fact that second hand HP kits are not as popular
as*

>> *Sun kits, hence the seller can only demand less.*

>

> *No, its a troll post. "Kirbu" was doing his usual bitching and*

> *moaning because he can't get it for free.*

>

>>> *BUT, you can downloads Solaris ISO from Sun but not HP-UX.*

> > >

> > > *That's good. So what?*

> > >

> > *You don't like to excersise your brain cells do you?*

>

> *At least I make an effort to spell.*

>

?,?????

It just happens English is not my first language, and I guess a perfect person like you never experience something called typo.

> > *So you can downloads the ISO, use your favourite CD buring software, and put*

> > *a few blank CD-R into your CD-RW, burn from those ISO into bootable CDs as*

> > *installation medias, and install Solaris from those CDs, it works out much*

> > *cheaper than buying the media set from the vendors.*

>

> *Which has nothing what so ever to do with the fact that you*

> *can do it with Sun but not HP. Do try and learn how to reason*

> *logically.*

>

Really, can't see how you can make a valid point here.

Using your own logics to reply on your comment

"I have done enough about logic gates so I don't need to learn any more on how to reason logically"

> > > > *People get used to the hardwares and softwares they use,*

> > >

> > > *So? That doesn't explain how they go from being a home user/student*

> > > *to being in a management position with purchasing power. Unless ...*

> > > *whoever hired them was a complete and utter idiot.*

> > >

> > *So you were never a student and you were never a home user?*

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> *Like most everyone else, I was both. What I use nowadays, I*

> *never used then. Hence I don't see how your (and "Kirbu"'s)*

> *statement is anything other than specious. If you can't back*

> *it up with some facts and figures it remains specious.*

>

Again, my condolences to you, for not having the freedom and the early opportunity to use the softwares you enjoy using.

> > > > *I can't get over using Outlook Express as my default news client,*

> > >

> > > *My condolences.*

> > >

> > *My consolences to you too.*

>

> *Why? I don't have to concern myself with virii and the other
> plagues OE brings with it. If you're happy with it, good luck
> to you.*

>

Nope, it's for your narrow minded behaviour not being able to accept and respect other people's preference, and if the "plagues" can infect in ASCII form, I should be excited and can't wate to take it into the lab to evaluate it.

>>>>> *Exactly how many home users go from there immediately to
>>>>> management positions with buying power?*

>>>>>

>>>> *Not a lot, but guess how MS become so dominant.*

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>>> *I'm not here to guess. So don't patronise me with specious
>>> statements. Show me facts and figures.*

>>>

>> *The same as your non-constructive "so?", "your point being?" comments.*

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> *I'm not the one stating conjecture as fact. If you want to
> do that, you'd better be prepared to defend your stance when
> challenged.*

>

If you really put in some time and energy reading and digesting the post, then

I will, but you are not accepting and absorbing any points we tried to make, why bother?

>> *Students buy cheap MS products ---> students grow up only knowing
>> how to use Windows.*

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> *Do they buy such cheap products? Show us the figures. I gather
> you mean "knowing how to use" loosely. Try working at a helpdesk
> sometime where the users use MS day in and day out. After that
> much experience do they "know how to use" it?*

>

m...guess you know all about student life than an actual student.

Yes, we love to buy expensive things, we love paying full price for everything.

>>> *Linux isn't HP. And quoting someone else's misinformed statement
>>> doesn't make it any less misinformed. Show me some proof. How do
>>> those who come to prefer HP do so when they don't use it as a
>>> student or home user?*

>>>

>> *He only uses Linux as a fact to show you how it becomes popular.
>> That's the proof you want.*

>

> *Try again. His use of it only shows it popular to him. Not to
> anyone else.*

>

As much as I don't like the Linux hype, I still have to admit it is a popular OS.

At least I can't find any Unix magazine, there isn't a magazine I know just for Unix but quite a few for Linux.

> > > *lets suppose we all buy from a reseller,*
> > > *a SS10/20 and U2 can take more than 1 CPU, even*
> > > *a dual CPU U60 goes for under 1000pounds now.*
> > >
> > > *So? How does that constitute an 8 CPU system? At most its only 2.*
> > >
> > *Up to 8 CPUs means you can use it on systems with up to 8 CPUs,*
> > *means you can installed it on a dual CPU or quad CPU system, as the*
> > *bew license only allows you to install Solaris on a single CPU machine*
> > *without paying extra.*
>
> *Which Sun has probably reasoned is adequate for the majority of*
> *circumstances. But the only way to know is to see the figures.*
>

Simple, spend 3 minutes per day for the next 3 months of your life, collecting information about how many Sun machines listed on eBay has SMP capability.

> > > *Microsoft = software company = sell softwares for \$\$\$.*
> > > *Sun, HP, IBM, SGI = hardware companies who sell their own softwares*
=
> > > *selling hardwares for living, not softwares.*
> > >
> > > *Your point being?*
> > >
> > *Are you wasting people's time?*
>
> *I'm asking to see some facts. All I'm seeing is baseless conjecture,*
> *specious arguments and opinions. So who's wasting whose time?*
>

Once again, my point on you not liking to use your brain cells stands, if you just spend a few seconds to digest the statement, it won't be hard for you to figure "the part you omitted" out.

> > *So Sun, SGI, IBM, HP don't need to rely on software sales for their profit.*
>
> *And MS and Linux don't need to rely on hardware sales for their profit. Circular argument. So where are we now? Back to square one yet?*
>

It's a cycle for MS and Linux with hardware vendors.
The more PC they sell, the more people use Linux and Windows.
With SGI, they form their own cycle, if they don't sell MIPS workstation and

just

concentrate on the dev of Irix, how is this going to work out?

> > *Are we short of x86 vendors? are we short of manufacturers producing Intel*

> > *based machines?*

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> *Do we need to be?*

>

You tell me.

> > *Of course not! Windows runs on x86, with plenty of x86 vendors out there,*

> > *they don't need to worry about having no systems to run Windows on.*

> > *But Irix runs on MIPS, if SGI drops hardware production, and they are the*

> > *main*

> > *manufacturer for MIPS machines, what's the use for developing the OS when*

> > *there is clearly no market for it.*

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> *And you're missing the point. Anything will run on anything if*

> *ported. You don't need MIPS to have SGI, etc. etc. etc. If SGI's*

> *OS was worthwhile, it would get ported. No?*

>

Yes, it will get ported, but will it run as well as on the original hardwares?

Can Solaris on a x86 runs as well as on a Sparc machine?

> > > *You haven't presented anything by way of a concrete argument*

> > > *yet. All I'm seeing is conjecture. How about you show me the*

> > > *money?*

> > >

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<http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/investor/financials/annual/2002/graphics2002.pdf>

> > *starting from page 5.*

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> *I haven't got all day to wait for this trash to download.*

> *Cite the actual figures and then compare to MS's revenues*

> *for the same period.*

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As I said, wasting people's time! you asked for the figure, and I show you the link

to the figure showing in HP's press release, they stated hardwares as their "KEY PRODUCT"

> > > > *I am the only person in the entire department of EE.Eng with a copy of*

> > *SCO*

> > > > *UnixWare*

> > >

> > > *My, aren't you lucky. But so what?*

> > >

> > *Only supporting "But I don't think any home user or student would
> > care less whether or not SCO was given away now." statement using
> > the "figures" you asked for.*

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>>

> > *1 out of 400+ EE students, researchers and staffs use SCO UnixWare.
> > Without this 1, department will still be running, we will still produce
> > research works.*

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> *And would they be able to do it irrespective of what other
> hardware and software they have/use?*

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Perhaps, perhaps not. We won't know unless they tried.

> > *No harm done as it can be replaced by another flavour of OS, mainly
Solaris.*

>

> *Then the choice doesn't really matter for you?*

>

It does, as I said before, people get used to things, if you ask me to stop using Solaris and start using Linux or HP-UX to do everything I do on Solaris, it would takes me several weeks just to get used to it.

> > > > *Those are just my opinions*

> > >

> > > *They certainly are. And that's the trouble. Too much baseless
> > > opinion and no facts.*

> > >

> > *m.....interesting, aren't you all about your own baseless opnions and no
> > facts?*

>

> *No, I'll all about asking to see some facts for a change.*

> *I haven't really stated any opinions yet and I've not quoted
> any facts. I'd like to see someone convince me one way or the
> other.*

>

Maybe you should try researching it yourself.

> > *Don't see you saying anything constructive in this thread at all, only
"so*

> > *what?", "your point is?", "How do you conclude that?"*

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> *That's my way of getting you to prove your arguments. If you
> can't back them up, they're not facts. And I'll question every
> point till its proved or disproved.*

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One thing I learn in school, always do your own research, if you have any doubt, look it up, you are the only one who can help yourself, those who are not bothered to are called slackers.

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