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Derk Gwen <derkgwen@HotPOP.com> writes:

[Ed said]

> *# Please share a couple of your favorite references!*

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> *Unfortunately they would be rather dated. You can start with places like*

> http://directory.google.com/Top/Computers/Software/Operating_Systems/Research/

That seems kind of hand wavy. Lately I have been going out of my way to follow the top O.S. research, so I was surprised at your suggestion:

Perhaps some people should look at some of the academic work and see what can be done with a real virtual memory system instead of what we've got today.

... which makes it sound like the VM systems in unix/linux are stupid antiques or at least not "real" ones.

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> *I don't know if any of these ideas are robust enough or efficient*

> *enough to be as useful as Linux or Solaris or any other unix, but*

> *unix should not be thought of as the be-all and end-all of os*

> *excellence.*

OK, that I knew already. It's a far cry, though, from the claim that academic work has created real VM systems that make obsolete what we have today in un*x.

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