

## Re: Wish

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joe@blahblah.invalid (Joe Dunning) wrote in message news:<d%Bgb.57997\$h1.42825@sccrnsc02>...

> On 7 Oct 2003 08:30:14 -0700, J. L. Schilling <jlselsewhere@my-deja.com> wrote:

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>> *The rise in SCO's stock price is due to the actions of capitalism in the  
>> marketplace. If investors believed that SCO's case was only FUD and without  
>> merit (and they've certainly heard enough opinions to this effect),  
>> the stock wouldn't have stayed up.*

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> *If SCO's statements turn out to be without merit then that is likely not  
> capitalism at work but fraud!*

No, fraud in this context would be something like a knowing misrepresentation of earnings. Filing a lawsuit that later loses in court would not be fraud — by definition, any lawsuit has the distinct possibility of losing. Investors are free to judge for themselves whether or not the suit has merit.

>> *And no matter what the reason for the rise, you can't blame SCO employees  
>> for it. Do you blame Linux or people in the Linux world for the fact that  
>> Red Hat and VA Linux once had astronomical prices and valuations?*

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> *Their stock price rises are not comparable, because they were not a result of  
> attacks on other people's intellectual property.*

I wasn't saying they were comparable in that sense. I'm just saying that employees of a company aren't responsible for irrational behavior on the part of the market (which is not to say that the SCO rise is or isn't rational :-).

Jonathan Schilling