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The DVD version of Solaris is not an option because the target machine is somewhat older and does not have a DVD drive. It's basically my primary scratch monkey.

DVDs are cheap at Best Buy or the local chop shop. Just the convenience is worth it. Even then if the old hags are CD only, you only need to burn one and net boot the rest.

However, from reviewing the entire discussion, it seems pretty clear that the answer to my original question is "No, Sun is not sincere about encouraging new Solaris users."

Solaris, while it can be a desktop is priarily a first class server OS. I keep all my data on Solaris as I have systems running Solaris 7 Intel --- they truly keep on going -- and going -- and going. I use IMAP with that thing called Outchoke Express as I don't trust M\$ anything. I replicate data to other sytems with rdist (not available to Windows) for backup. Hard drives are cheaper than tape and unix can treat drives like tapes.

I regard that as unfortunate. In spite of the personal ad hominem attacks mixed into the thread, I think I do appreciate a good OS as well as or better than most folks. Heaven knows I've suffered with enough bad ones over the years. However, I also appreciate Larry's three virtues. Or perhaps I should simply state that I am not a masochist looking for fresh forms of pain. The evidence is pretty clear, both from Sun's website and this discussion, that Sun is indifferent or even hostile towards new users.

Not hostile, just takes more knowledge to get started. To become good at

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anything takes investment of time and effort. Few people today do. Thus they loose out. No investment --> no results. It is why M\$ industry costs so damn much, when the registry gets corrupt and no one knows how to fix it. Not even those that built it.

Sun's decision not to encourage new Solaris users is obviously reasonable in some ways. One obvious example is that less sophisticated users will be looking for more help in comparison to more technically sophisticated people. However, I do think it unfortunate that Microsoft's position has become so strong that no one is even willing and able to seriously enter the field of battle. They could have waited 10 more years before waltzing out Vista and it probably wouldn't have made any difference—but I'm still going to do my best to never own a Vista machine (though of course I expect to be inflicted with them at work).

To learn UNIX or Linux, to be really good at it is going to take 1000's of hours of effort. I have programmed and run almost every top 10 OS since 1980 — that being said it takes time. Microwave junkies are never experts at anything.

For example, if your not willing to learn C, you will never know why EVERY OS is written in it. Oh yea, .NET, VBX, Perl, Java, Python bigots all know a bit, but C is the F18 of OS development. It takes years to learn C, marginally.

Microsoft is a monopoly, simple. Can you buy a Compaq or Dell system without Windows, perhaps with Ubuntu, SUSE or RHat? The answer is, if they do offer it is more even though the OS costs them next to nothing they want \$5000–1000 more. M\$ is a legalised anti-competative monopoly plain and simple. Lousy servers too.

Your a troll, go off and play with Windblows.

On Jan 29, 11:56 pm, "Canuck57" <dave-no_s...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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At this point, I think not. Or is Solaris really such a piece of bloatware that Sun is unable to condense it to a single installation CD? Solaris has more in it's distribution than does distros like Ubuntu.

Why not download the DVD version of Solaris? It is one burn.

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Me, I installed at least 20 systems this weekend and didn't burn a single

DVD nor a CD. I just powered up VMWare on my portable, pointed it to a Solaris DVD ISO image, installed it. Then setup DHCP and install server and

booted other systems from it. Once I had one each of Intel and Sparc installed, I tailored the images and made flash archives. The rest of it was easy... Can't do that with Microsoft or Ubuntu's native distribution without buying something else like ghost.

Yes, I run Unbuntu too. It is very good as an entry level stand alone

Linux

workstation. Solaris targets a different breed.

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