

Re: Apple Computer sides with Satan

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David Nakamoto wrote:

- > > What—you mean in the 1970s? Yes. But at that time, there were zero
- > > secure OS's by today's standards.
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- > Is your calculator out of juice, or you forgot your new math?
- > 2005 - 10 = 1995, the last time I checked, right now.

You wrote "early Unix." By no means is 1995 early Unix. I used 1995 in a later reply to your comment, and by 1995, as I wrote in a different message, Unix was better than contemporaneous Windows by a wide margin.

- > As for the rest of your message, which I cut off for brevity, I was
- > referring to Solaris on Sun Systems, but at that time, Windows in any
- > incarnation except NT 4.0 (was it out then?) was even worse, but I
- > don't remember the specifics, just that there were some security
- > issues. A lot of water has gone under the bridge in terms of computers
- > and OSs I've used since then.

I'm sure there were security issues with Solaris. However, one must remember that in 1995, a Unix user heard much more about Unix security issues than Windows users heard about Windows security issues. At the time, Microsoft thought they could handle these issues slowly and silently. It would have been easier to get the impression that Unix was less secure than Microsoft without that actually being the case.

- > Sorry about the misuse of the reference to The Man. I was using it
- > in terms of the general status quo, the most common denominator, the
- > assumed standard, not specifically to Microsoft. I don't think of
- > Microsoft as The Man, but more like that thing depicted in the
- > MacIntosh commercial by Ridley Scott.

I can see that. However, in my comment about attackers, it is not as important whom *you* see as The Man, as whom the *attackers* see as The Man. Many of them (most?) weren't alive yet when that commercial aired.

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