

Re: World's worst software. What's decent?

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Bill Sloman wrote:

> *Chuck Harris <cf-NO-SPAM-harris@erols.com> wrote in message news:<esidnTvqu-fXi-TcRVn-1A@rcn.net>...*

>> *Where Webster and Franklin did succeed, was in making spelling more
>>uniform. They took a language where spelling varied greatly depending
>>on where you were educated, and provide a reference of American
>>spellings. These spellings were not the simple phonetic spellings that
>>they wanted to have adopted, but rather, the spellings that were commonly
>>used by Webster, Franklin, Jefferson and others. It is interesting to
>>notice that the spellings used by Jefferson in his writings exactly match
>>those in the current American English dictionaries.*

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> *Have a look at Elizabethan spelling sometime – the modern habit of
> spelling the same word the same way every time your write it is a
> comparatively recent innovation. I'd be very surprised if Jefferson
> spelled everything exactly the same way as current American
> dictionaries do – can you post a URL for a web-site that supports this
> claim?*

It is a personal observation that comes from reading a whole lot of his personal letters, and other writings. I was very surprised to see that he was quite consistant, and quite modern. The letters he received in reply were all over the place with their spelling.

–Chuck