

Re: gEDA suite vs my creaky old Protel Client 3.5?

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Mike Rocket J. Squirrel Elliott wrote:

On the otherhand, most anybody can find a spare 20G partition on their hard drive these days. Load linux into that partition, ask Grub to make your machine a dual boot machine with *gack* 'doze as the primary/default boot, install gEDA in the usual way, and join the crowd.

But then I've booted into Linux, and can't reach the Windoze apps when a customer calls to ask about his account balance (Quickbooks), etc., etc. I reckon a separate cheap-o junk box running Linux is the better solution. But is it worth doing all that just to try out gEDA? My original post had to do with gEDA vs. my Ancient Creaky Protel 3.5 Client.

Well, let's see, Quickbooks should be able to run under wine, and there is certainly an equivalent package to Quickbooks, perhaps gnucash? If you do get another box to run linux, install VNC on both it and the 'doze box, and you can run all of the 'doze applications from a window in the linux box over the ethernet.

Linux is quite good about mounting dos/doze partitions and interoperating with them.

I run linux as my main system, and keep a laptop around that is dual boot so I can run vendor software that has to run under 'doze.

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