

Re: Damm Small Linux

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"Joel Kolstad" <JKolstad71HatesSpam@Yahoo.Com> wrote in message news:<3IKdnagY2dNkITXcRVn-2g@comcast.com>...

- > "Robert Baer" <robertbaer@earthlink.net> wrote in message
- > news:41A7EFC2.3152EF15@earthlink.net...
- > > Exactly. QNX appears to be the only OS that is bug-free and crashless.
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- > It's a lot easier to keep a 40kB kernel bug free than one that's tens?
- > hundreds? of megabytes as Windows, Linux, etc. are these days. The bigger
- > OSes provide more features of course, but in many applications you may not
- > need them. Moral of the story: Don't buy a bigger OS than you need?

Uh huh, and on that note, step 1 to a decent (term used loosely) running system has always been a minimal instal, something you can't do with XP. I trust you still can with Linux, though it certainly could take awhile! DSL is a good step in this regard.

Step 1 for XP is stripping it right down after it's all been installed, but the most you can really do is turn things off, maybe this makes it easier for them to keep things bug free on their end.

I'm suffering from the bloated OS syndrom at this very moment. My hard drive (Fujitsu) was a lemon thanks to a faulty batch of Cirrus Logic ICs, and it went the other day. So I installed XP on my old 6GB back up drive. XP alone takes up half of it!! If I recall correctly, win9X would take up ~260MB, and could be stripped to 180MB. I could run it dual boot with Linux on the same drive and have all my programs installed. I can't believe that now. So what does one replace a dead 40GB drive with? A 160GB drive, of course.

So what came first? Was it the faster/higher capacity hardware or the bloated software?

In case anyone is curious about the lemon Fujitsu drives:

<http://www.pcbuyer beware.co.uk/HDDProblems.htm#fujitsu>

Save yourself some heartache and replace it ASAP, because as I just learnt, when they go, they go fast, and they've predicted the failure rate to peak in the second half of 2004.