

## Re: XP is great

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What the hell are you guys doing to corrupt your WinXP installs? I've heard bad reports about the SP2, but other than that XP is more stable and robust than 2K.

I've used 'em all. 3.11 was okay, 256 colors and all. Winsock and Win32s was fun. What a learning experience. Crashes and bugs were common. Then NT/95 came out. NT was not available to the public. 95 sucked balls. So much so, that Microsoft had to make 95b and 95 OSR2 just to patch major bugs. 95 crashed religiously, due to its poor memory management. Then came 98. Leaps and bounds better than 95, but still has the same memory management issues because it was based on the earlier kernel. Dreaded "Blue Screen Of Death" had become a world-known phrase. Daily reboots were in order, but one could probably go a week if the system was well-maintained. Then comes Win2k, a novel idea modelled from the NT core but for consumers. ('Bout damn time.) Win2k was pretty good to me. SP4 caused a lot of problems though. The memory manager was much more robust in 2k, preventing most dreaded page-faults and lockups. The system drivers started moving from real-mode to protected-mode, making even system-level routines and services fault-tolerant.

Enter: XP. All I have to say about XP Pro SP1 is that my box gets rebooted once a month at the most, and I can't remember the last time I saw an exception error – maybe last year sometime? And this is on a tweaked out, overclocked AMD system with a gig of ram, SATA RAID+0, DVDRW and CDRW, nVIDIA GeForce 5600 ultra /w video I/O, USB HDD/scanner/camera, PIC programmer, etc... I have ZERO complaints about XP's stability. It is by far, the most stable M\$ OS I've ever seen. Where you guys are getting your piss and vinegar from, sounds more like an ulterior motive than statistical data IMHO.

I have tried Mandrake and a few other 'nixes. The Matrix screensaver was cool, but I couldn't run most of the M\$ power-apps on it like Proteus VSM or Sony Vegas Video and there is no comparable equivalent. If another OS existed which could do what Winblows can do or better, then I'd be interested. It sucks that M\$ dominates the marketplace... but they don't HAVE to be dominating the marketplace – I don't see anyone else stepping up. That said, I'd love to code a new OS, knowing what we know now. The new 64-bit processors include many new registers, making software development a whole new ballgame. It is true that Windows OS's just keep getting bigger and more bloated. But it has to, to retain backwards compatibility. Eliminating that bottleneck alone, would be a revolutionary improvement. Of course, that means all new apps, and nobody would buy a new OS (even if it was the greatest on Earth) if no apps were made for it.

Oh well.

-- "I can conceptualize what infinity is, but I cannot imagine it." MCJ 200406

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