

# Re: XP is garbage

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- > The PC OS and office software industry is a horrible mess, and there's
- > no relief in sight. Linux was a reaction to this brokenness. But it
- > isn't providing ordinary users with an escape path, only a narrow group
- > of highly technically skilled developers/users.

The problem is first and foremost that the desktop sucks, there is about 1.05 interpretations of "desktop" per user.

Linux is shared Infrastructure – something to build a great product from. Linux is not a product per se; letting the Users build a desktop system is like shipping a container of automotive parts to people and expect them to build great cars for themselves.

A lot of the Telecom infrastructure these days run on various Linux incarnations; because it is non-ipr-encumbered, stable, there are "batteries included" (i.e. Tools), and the Source is there to version control :-)

- > I am becoming convinced
- > that Linux will never become the solution to the Microsoft problem, for
- > reasons the Linux community will never ever be able to admit.

That is because there is no "Microsoft Problem", it's a "user meets complex system with internals exposed" problem:

The problem is that when you give control of complex tools with not-entirely-undrestood dependencies into the hands of users, they *\*will\** break something beyond their ability to repair. Users break windows, they break Linux, they *\*try\** to break other things like Mobile Phones but since the software is flashed in, they do not have so much luck ;-)

Or think about if TV's came with the casings removed, 20% of all users would instantly kill themselves while breaking the TV – TV's work reliably because the users cannot get into them. ;-)

So could computers.

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