

Re: XP is great

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learning@xxxxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

> In <425d3971\$0\$73732\$edfadb0f@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, on 04/13/05
> at 05:23 PM, "Frithiof Andreas Jensen"
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>>Like I care – as if people who perpetually whinge and whine, all the
>>while still putting up with whatever they whine about are known to pay
>>attention; hell, they are not even listening to themselves fer
>>ricecakes.
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> If you don't care, why did you let me get under your skin, and get you to
> drop down to my level? That was the plan, and you did good.
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For all intents and purposes, you just admitted to Trolling.

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Look, I have no idea what planet you came from, but I know A LOT about XP/2k/98/95/3.11, and I'm NOT holding up M\$'s products. I said I do not like the fact that there is only one mainstream OS, but since there is no viable alternative, I am forced to use it. You can say that you hate Windows, but if your boss hands you a .PPT document and asks you to tweak the last frame, are you going to politely explain to him how you can't, because you don't believe in Windows?

If you can make my hardware, Proteus VSM, MASM32, and Sony Vegas Video run on any flavor of Linux, then I might consider the [daunting] task of switching. But as of right now, XP has been the greatest M\$ OS I've seen yet. I think more than half of the problems all you guys say are the OS's fault, are actually hardware/configuration issues. When I say configuration, I'm not implying that you must leave all the XP settings at the defaults – my system has had most of the XP tweaks disabled to increase speed. But it has been meticulously tweaked also, right down to obscure registry tweaks like the "offload LAN handling to NIC processor" setting and the TCP parameters optimized for cable (yielding a 21% performance increase over standard MTU/RWIN.) I also use Norton WinDoctor, a few registry and system optimizers, I defrag at least every 6 months or so, and

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daily I sync all drives to an external HDD as backup. (FolderClone is a great app for this.)

When I built my current box, I built the whole thing around a SolTek mainboard – one of the best board manufacturers in existence IMHO. I really did my homework; since I built a '486 system once from a cheap board and a fresh install of windows 98 would not even run. That hardware was junk! It is possible to build a worthless computer on which any OS will give you grief, just as it is possible to build a great computer which will run fine. Even pre-built computers are not immune to flaky hardware – does anyone remember the old Packard Bells? Many a service tech has a story there, undoubtedly.

There are many factors that influence OS stability and performance, aside from the actual hardware itself. Bus/memory/video timings are critical, also temperature and even vibration play a role. For instance, when I overclock my video ram and cpu, if I turn up either clock just 2MHz, I'll start getting random lockups. I spent probably 15 hours testing various BIOS combinations along with hardware and software diagnostics to achieve the highest stability and performance possible with my hardware. Yep, a whole day was sacrificed to optimize the PC – before any apps were installed on it. It may seem pointless, but just look at the end result. This level of thoroughness likely stems from being a PC Technician supervisor for 5 years, but realistically all the details on how to tune any new system can be found at a place like Tom's Hardware. You just have to do it (when the system is built) so you don't find out about these problems later.

That said, those who don't like XP's "stability" could always switch to CP/M... or QNX for that matter.

p.s. I only recall seeing one processor exception error –ever– in Linux.

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