

Re: XP is great

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"Frithiof Andreas Jensen" <frithiof.jensen@xx> wrote in message news:<d3j108\$80e\$1@xx>...

> "Mark Jones" <abuse@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:Do6dnU3-G8SPacbfRVn-hw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
>> 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.
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> They are "Customizing It" – the root of all Evil!
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> The OS'es and Apps (Linux & Windows) allude to being user-customizable by
> giving free acces to many, many options; However, any combination of
> applications, OS, patches, and options is a new configuration that one
> should really Test and Verify.

"Free acces" (sic) free? Whew that was close, but I pinched a loaf already today, I think while reading your last post. Yes..... yes windows/microshit is reknowned for giving users access to useful configuration utilities, not to mention the thorough documentation on them, which is also readily freely available.[/sarcasm]

One time, at band camp, I made the taskbar GREENN ahahahaha.

Siiigh, does the term power_toys_... ring a bell?

> This is Impossible to do before the sun becomes a lump of coal, so only the
> Default can be assumed to have been tried by enough people to hit most bugs.

Well, if you ever tried optimizing your system, it would run alot faster and could possibly be done by red giant time.

> Having being bitten many times by a few characters different in some obscure
> config file, We now blow a lot of time here on nitting with versioning and
> change control for *everything* for systems integrated into embedded
> Linux'en so that they do not fail in the field (<joke except boxes in Hawaii
> and the one in Rio /joke> ;-).

You seem to prescribe to the theory of BG that any fault found in it

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is the fault of the users. I suppose that is true, if no one used it, there'd be no faults found. In reality however, it is the standard every day OS, gets used, bugs are found, and it's actually the fault of those who refuse to admit to and fix them, not those who use it.

I'm sorry but to say it should never be changed from default config is simply pure idiocy. Rather it should not be left at default config, policies should be locked down for security, exploitable and resource hogging services turned off and disabled, the so called eye candy which does nothing but slow everything down can be done away with..increasing stability by doing so.

Turning off everything that continuously runs in the background like drive indexing services, system restore, windows update (though you should obviously update on your own, when you can spare the resources) bla bla bla

You get the point I hope. One size doesn't fit all. What's the sense in buying a hot rod of a computer and expecting it to run like that hot rod, when by default, XP equals the a logging truck with a half secured load.

Every advantage can be gained from customization.

I guess your years at the help desk has shown you everyone's failed attempts at making system changes and has firmly planted you in this rut of a mindset, but you're wrong.

I've found this true with most any OS, the default config is non optimal in terms of both performance and security.

The job is not over when you hear the little welcome to windows song, it's just begun.

Most out there who do leave it at the default config can be thanked for such fast and vast propagations of virus'/worms that are still using old news exploits which have been patched long ago.

You know it's people like you who keep the majority of people from ever moving beyond the point and click barrier. If I had accepted every F'up my computer had ever done as my own fault while using win9X when I was a total newbie I'd still be a bumbling idiot with computers, too afraid to move beyond the desktop for fear of a forced reboot.

XP is a much improved system over 9X, it HAD to be in order for them to save face. It still has a long way to go, and bullshit service packs like the last that are supposedly going to fix security flaws that have been around since day one and instead only give you 100 extra warning/pop up "are you sure you're smart enough to be doing this without adult supervision" screens aren't the ticket.

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That only tells me "we haven't fixed the exploit, but if you like to gamble..how bad do you need to see this pdf file?.. dont' blame us when it blows up in your face"

I think it's a load of shit to even think they're unable to fix things because it's so big it's beyond them?? Please, were that true no computer would be ever be able to boot windows. They'll never fix it because too many people blame themselves for system errors that aren't their fault, don't report errors because the errors aren't anything meaningful to them, get hung up on /disconnected at the help desk constantly, can't intelligently help point out the problem without reverse engineering skills which would likely get them charged for having done it, because windows doesn't give you anything useful (unlike linux) when an error occurs, and nifty little default config features like "reboot on error" dont' even allow you to view the incomprehensible message you did get, and hunting it down later in some undocumented log or event file is well beyond the desktop.

Windows has always been designed to keep people obviously point and click stupid. If people don't complain, then the problems that they don't want to spend money on never existed.

If they can't complain, the problems cant' exist.

Don't customize it: "Doc it hurts when I breath..".

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