

XP vs Mac OS X

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I believe that people who are enamored of XP really haven't had an opportunity to do much actual work on different platforms. Once they have, they'll realize quickly that XP is mediocre at best.

For example, compared to OS X:

1. Microsoft products cost more at each new release. This is contrary to other tech stuff (i.e. You get more for less over time). This is the hallmark of a monopoly. OS X has always been \$129 (Linux is free).
2. For the most part, the repair and recovery tools that Microsoft provides are inadequate, poorly documented, or don't do anything useful (like fix a busted install, with rare exceptions).
3. When you buy Microsoft OS you'll also need to buy Norton or McAfee, plus anti spyware, plus pop-up blockers, etc. I don't get pop-ups or harmful viruses with OS X. This is a huge difference, in initial cost and user experience.
4. Need to transfer or back up applications to another drive (with the intention of actually using the app)? Can't do it with Microsoft. Simple with Mac. Huge drawback!
5. System crashes typically take about 3-4X as long to resolve on Windows. The registry concept is a kluge and a mousetrap.
6. XP's paranoia is really annoying. I was fixing a bad XP install and after every time I changed the System registry keys the OS forced me to re-register. It's a lot of fun calling some Indian fella and putting in 40 digits or whatever . . .

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