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On a sunny day (Mon, 25 Dec 2006 17:56:37 GMT) it happened "Michael A. Terrell" <mike.terrell@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in <459010EF.B82A252A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

Jan Panteltje wrote:

On a sunny day (25 Dec 2006 10:25:38 GMT) it happened jasen <jasen@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in <emo8v2\$V2s\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:

On 2006-12-24, Michael A. Terrell <mike.terrell@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Jan Panteltje wrote:

Just give up on MS DOS, it is of the past.

What if he needs it to run legacy software or hardware? Then Linux won't do a damn thing for him.

that depends on the hardware most mainstream stuff and popular specialist stuff is supported.

Bye.
Jasen

Well he should just set aside an old 486 and small HD for true MS DOS. Hell, people are still using reindeer too, while anyone who can buy so many

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presents should have a 747.

But truly MS DOS (or DR DOS) is quite dead, do not use it on a new system.
Today I just did read Vista is full of fatal holes too.
Installed new firefox on Linux yesterday, seems to work OK.
(That is an important security fix).

Yeah, its dead, till you have to use an EISA card that only runs under DOS 5.0, or an automated test system that only runs under windows 2.0 because it would cost several hundred thousand dollars to replace the dedicated hardware.

One of my jobs in the 80ties was to design ISA cards for the IBM PC.
Would you believe some drivers were simply originally written in BASIC, to do the IO, and then when all worked translated by the programming team to asm....

All on MS DOS of course.

I am not 100% sure, here is the whole source code issue again, yes if you have no source you are stuck porting the soft.

If the hardware uses only ISA cards... hey I have a Tyan mobo with 1 (one) ISA card and the rest PCI and AGP (lookup Tyan S2390B). but MSDOS will not boot from it with a 120GB harddisk.
But I still use it with an old ISA video card :-)

There is a time were redesign is needed, I have protested myself in the past, but you cannot stop it.

Say NASA could rebuild Apollo for the moon trip.... from the old drawings. But they made a new designs and senbd some people to peek at the museums how Apollo (Von Braun) did it.

This is really true.

The old parts cannot be made, the old electrical systems are no longer available etc..

If you play that right you can design the new system! Write the new drivers and / or applications.

It is all a dynamic thing, things keep changing.

Old things will no longer be made (like 8GB harddisks), so here is an other case for full open source so things can be ported to newer environments.

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