

Re: OT;W98 popularity

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On Aug 28, 6:41 pm, ChairmanOfTheBored <RUBo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Tue, 28 Aug 2007 08:36:33 -0700, mrdarr...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On Aug 27, 6:29 pm, ChairmanOfTheBored <RUBo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Mon, 27 Aug 2007 21:30:38 -0000, mrdarr...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On Aug 27, 2:20 pm, "Anthony Fremont" <any...@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Jim Yanik wrote:

Can
someone
tell me why
people on
Ebay are
bidding
over \$50
USD for
Windows
98SE?
(Besides the
usual
auction
fever.)
Why are
people
willing to
pay so
much for a
really old
op system?

Re: OT;W98 popularity

Perhaps to save money on retail copies of the OS. For example, the full version of XP Pro is something like \$300 retail, but the upgrade version is alot less (more than \$50 less, but I don't know the exact amount).

Ya might as well run Knoppix Linux then...

I had the (dis)pleasure of trying to use a Flash disk to retrieve files from a Win98 laptop. Couldn't find drivers on the '98 disk...
eventually got the thing to work by using my Creative .mp3 player and installing Creative's .mp3 drivers on the drive. All this in a third-world country, where I had to run to an internet cafe to download Creative's drivers...

Michael

You're not too bright... either then.

The Knoppix 5.1.1 DVD was ALL you needed for all of the above.

Fuck a bunch of "cafe" horseshit!– Hide quoted text –

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Unfortunately the laptop didn't have a DVD drive, or even a CD drive, for that matter. It was a Pentium 60, I believe.

We did try downloading a Knoppix CD from the cafe (I left mine at home, not thinking it was necessary), but the download would have taken 8 hours at the cafe (DSL speeds). The country was the Philippines.

Two things... travel abroad prepared.

A laptop without an optical disc reading device is a sad excuse for a mobile computing platform. – Hide quoted text –

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It wasn't my computer. I was extracting files for my brother-in-law (his P-90).

I brought *my* laptop, (P-333) which has a CD-ROM and USB ports, and put the hard drive from the P-90 in that one. Even then, Windows 98 could not recognize an external flash drive. After some effort involving another Flash drive – my Creative mp3 player – and Creative drivers downloaded from the cafe (15 pesos an hour – about US \$0.33) we got Win98 recognizing the mp3 player so that we could transfer files.

When we got back, I bought a Dell Vostro for myself, and will send my P-333 over to the Philippines for my brother-in-law to play with. The P-333 served its purpose; all I use it for at home is to surf the web via wireless connection.

The only reason I brought this up is, Win98 has extreme difficulty recognizing Flash drives – something Win2k has no problem with.

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