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And  
XP  
occasionally  
crashes  
when  
a  
user-level  
process  
screws  
up.  
Not  
as  
often  
as  
'98  
type  
systems,  
but  
it  
still  
happens.  
And  
Patch  
Tuesday  
has  
become  
a  
ritual.

You're  
an  
idiot.

So  
you  
didn't  
put  
in  
the  
patches  
LOL!

An idiot  
that applies

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patch  
"every  
Tuesday" is  
just as  
retarded as  
one  
that runs  
"defrag"  
more than  
once or  
twice a year  
when they  
have no  
apps  
that cause  
severe  
fragmentation,  
like a  
database  
app or such.

Patch Tuesday is Microsoft's  
practice of accumulating a  
bunch of  
patches and releasing them  
on the 2nd Tuesday of each  
month.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patch\\_Tuesday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patch_Tuesday)

I certainly don't update that  
often. I like to let the  
patches mellow  
for a month or so, because  
Microsoft's patches are so  
stupid they  
often break more than they  
fix.

"The second problem  
affected large deployments  
of Windows, such as can  
be found at large companies.  
Such large deployments  
found it  
increasingly difficult to  
make sure all systems across  
the company  
were all up to date. The

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problem was made worse by  
the fact that,  
occasionally, a patch issued  
by Microsoft would break  
existing  
functionality, and would  
have to be uninstalled."

Damn, you actually \*don't\*  
know much about this stuff.

Fuck you. I have administered networks  
before.

The company I currently work for has  
several thousand computers and  
several hundred laptops, and that doesn't  
even count the lab use  
machines.

We do not experience the horseshit you  
allow yourself to succumb to.

You don't install OS patches? How do you manage that?

It's interesting that you didn't know about Patch Tuesday.

What is interesting is that you actually think that is how it is done.

Perhaps the hardware you choose is shit,  
therefore the results you get  
are shit, shithead.

I just bought a dozen HP ML350 "server" boxes; ECC  
memory, redundant  
power supplies, redundant BIOS, redundant fans, hot-plug  
RAID drives.  
The layout, packaging, and cabling are superb. How's that?

Overkill. You likely won't manage those worth a shit... either.

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There's not a lot I can do about Windows (I have to run it for some of the apps I use) but it's certainly worth \$3K to have reliable hardware and drives. Every time a Dell dies, it costs me or one of my people a week or two to get everything back to where it was, and we're surely worth more than \$3K a week.

The cool thing about raid hot-plug is that I can occasionally plug in a blank drive, and my C: drive gets cloned, OS and all. I stash the clone in a baggie. If my machine dies for any reason, I grab a spare box from down the hall, plug in the copy of C:, and I'm back online in 5 minutes.

And, once a year maybe, I plug a brand-new drive in one of the raid lots, so my drives never die from shear wear-out.

You're probably better off going quite a bit longer than that between replacements. Believe me, there are two ends of a bath tub. They gave me a new Dell (hmm, maybe there is a common thread here) on my first day. The disk drive died that afternoon and I lost a couple of days work (couldn't get it replaced right away). It could have been far worse though.

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