

Re: Interfacing to parallel port dongle via USB adapter

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Joerg wrote:

Steps in technology are not always forward steps.
As evidenced in the latest, ahem, "new and improved"
OS developments ;-)

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Microsoft OS

There. Fixed that for you.

At the same time that M\$ is trying to push mostly-unfinished crap,
you have to get out your machete to get thru all the glowing reviews
that follow the releases of OS X and Ubuntu versions.

....and WRT Dell (I note Jan Panteltje's post):

They are the closest thing I see to the Mom & Pop shops
when it comes to giving the customer what he wants.
(You've already mentioned the Ships-with-XP option.)

They also have several business Linux options

(software support thru 3rd parties)

and there is a pre-installed Ubuntu option for individuals.

Their Ubuntu rollout wasn't spectacular because of a plain vanilla
install

<http://linux.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=07/09/17/153210&threshold=5&mode=nested#20640119>
--without even a simple script included/enabled

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....and, of course, all the bitching was due to *software patents*
and the things those screw up.

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The fact that Dell ships pre-installed Linux of *any* flavor,
however, means that all the hardware has Linux device drivers
so, if you don't like Dell's install or choice of distro,
you can just install *your* favorite (without rebooting 42 times).

I'm wondering what JT is going to do with all those copies of XP

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when M\$ decides to shut down their XP activation servers
to try to extort everyone yet again
and force purchases of the latest version of their crapware.

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