

# Re: Microsoft making vendors remove drivers

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On Sun, 22 Jun 2008 08:32:08 -0700, JosephKK <quiettechblue@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Your experiences with various M\$ OS products is very different than mine.

I just fix computers. I don't use them.

That's actually fairly accurate. In the repair biz, I only see broken computers. I'm sure that there are users and systems out there that work the first time, are totally stable, and do all the right things. It's just that I don't see any of these. What I see are the one's that don't work.

That also applies to customers. You are apparently knowledgeable in the art of keeping a computer alive. You wouldn't do something dumb, like simultaneously install several virus scanners (a common practice incidentally). You probably put some effort into keeping your machines fairly well organized and free of junkware.

Well, that's not what I see. I get customers that are lacking in either the time or patience to deal with such mundane tasks. That's fine, as I will gladly separate them from their money and do it for them. It's easy enough.

I found MSwin 3.1 to be a fine reasonably stable product. I had it running for weeks nonstop.

I accidentally found something interesting about Windoze 3.1. While doing battle with Windoze 95, the speed and memory capacity of the motherboards had increased substantially. For fun, I setup Windoze 3.1 to run from a 16MByte RAM disk on a fast (for it's time) machine, which I think was a Pentium 200MMX. Not only was it blindingly fast, but it was amazingly stable. Something about the older 386/486 motherboards apparently was giving Windoze 3.1 a bad reputation. On

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fast hardware, it worked just fine.

Another anecdote from the time was my customer from hell. I'll spare you the details. She constantly complained that her Windoze 3.1 machine was crashing. My office machine was similar and totally stable, so I just traded machines. I found no problems using her machine in my office, but she continued to see stability problems with my known good machine. I don't know wha