

Re: Intel rejects Vista, will stay with XP and wait for windows7

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JosephKK wrote:

On Thu, 26 Jun 2008 12:56:28 -0700 (PDT), Le Chaud Lapin <jaibuduvin@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Jun 26, 9:36 am, pantel...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

I seriously doubt MS has the power to do that.
I have designed cards for in the PC, who will stop me from writing an XP driver?
And with Intel moving away from Vista, sure Intel will want to sell their chips.
If more people use XP then Vista they will provide XP drivers, no matter what.
MS is just a con that charges big money for a 1\$ DVD copy of bad software,
they have no other power then that of money.
Anyways, even if MS sues and succeeds then they will go Unix.
The Asus eeePC, running Linux on Intel, already is such a big success that it makes up 30% of Asus sales.
People want performance, not bloat.
Sign on the wall.

If, while using Vista, you get the same feeling that you get while sitting on wicker chair...(yes, it holds you up, but still seems flimsy), that has to do with an internal Class War going on inside Microsoft. In one word...

.NET

If anything is to cause the disintegration of sound engineering

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practices inside of Microsoft, it is .NET. ...

Amen!

... .NET programmer population has been growing faster than that of hard-core C/C++ programmers, and they bring a mode of thinking that can only be described as "frighteningly sloppy for an engineer" .NET programmers who fall victim to this mode of thought are under the opinion that disciplined thought in engineering (software or otherwise), is not really necessary if you write the software so that you do not have to be disciplined while thinking. Everything is extensible. Everything is changeable. Everything can communicate and indicate its whims and needs to everthing else.

"Why can't we components just all get along?"

The result, as you can imagine, is a mess. Don Box was one of the original proponents of COM, which started the mess, and it got worse and worse, first with COM+, then DCOM, and now .NET, with all the .NET junk that goes with it, like C#, C++/CLI (in which Microsoft tried very hard to hi-jack C++ but failed), and VB.NET. Microsoft has been dishonest in saying "It makes programming easier...", but the truth is that it breaks down a certain rigidity that is required of reusable components in software. Actually, Microsoft would like to get away from writing libraries for multiple languages because of the xN effect in terms of cost.

If you want an analogy in hardware, imagine a capacitor that had no specification, not even capacitance. You start with a base thing called "capacitor" and reuse that thing over and over in all your circuits. Then, *at run-time*, other components in the circuit have a conversation with your generic do-it-all capacitor. "Are you electrolytic?" "What's your humidity range?"

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If (out_of_range(humidity))  
    blink_red_warning_LED_to_notify_user();
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I know this sounds absurd, but this is they way some .NET programmers "write code." More conversations that might be had inside the circuit:

1. WARNING – Humidity out of range for this type of capacitor.
2. WARNING – excessive noise detected.
3. WARNING – Zener diode used when normal diode should have been used.
4. WARNING – unrecognized bit pattern on demux...what should I do now?

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5. WARNING – race condition detected, maybe, you might wanna check..
6. WARNING – input impedance too low, at least 5kohm expected since this is my new–and–improved circuit

The user is typically kept away from all that. To stay with your analogy when the capacitor causes something to go haywire all the user would be told is: "An unknown error has occurred – the system will shut down", followed by endless trundling.

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Regards, Joerg

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