
Subject: Re: It costs how much?!?!?

Posted by [Kenneth Mankoff](#) on Wed, 06 Dec 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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On Wed, 6 Dec 2000, David Fanning wrote:

> Kenneth Mankoff (mankoff@lasp.colorado.edu) writes:

>> And if it were open source, us linux-using students who like to hack
>> things apart and put them together in our spare time would turn out some
>> mean routines to improve the product. This theoretical free open-source
>> student IDL (wow, aren't i in a daydream) would probably have OpenGL, GUI
>> builders, ports to Palm Vx OS, entire libraries of extensions, etc., all
>> within a few months..

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> How about I bring my computer up to Boulder tonight.

> And while I'm watching the CSU Lady Rams destroy the

> CU Lady Buffalos (no, really, that's what these teams

> are called) you can install Linux on my system. :-)

>

Its a date. I would scare how fast i would have linux up and running for you. :)

This is only because a year ago, when i tried RH5.2, it took ten days to install, and a week to get X running. 6.0 took a day to have the whole system up. 6.2 took four hours. 7.0 took forty-five minutes. And no, its not my cdroms, busses, and processors that are speeding up, its the software, ease-of-use, and (most of all) my personal knowledge-base.

And anyways my claim that "free is better" never said anything about "free is easier". hahaha... Think of it like your little obscure programming club. We wouldn't want *anyone* to be able to install it, because then it wouldn't be an obscure obtuse difficult-to-join-yet-fun-once-your-in club!

-k.
