Subject: Re: It costs how much?!!?!
Posted by Paul van Delst on Fri, 08 Dec 2000 13:38:29 GMT
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Nigel Wade wrote:
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> "Pavel A. Romashkin" wrote:
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>> Nigel Wade wrote:
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>>> Hint, to mount a share :
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>>> mount -t smb -ousername=ntusername //nt-server/share /mount/point
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>> Geez, this syntax reminds me so much of those good ol' DOS days when you
>> had to type a screenfull to get something out of the computer. I guess I
>> am too spoiled by plug-n-play, working autodetect and point-n-click. I
>> am not too excited to manage IRQs and memory allocation myself anymore.
>> I like to type in a procedure window more than on a system prompt :-(
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>> Pavel
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> Ah, that's fine when it all works.
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> What do you do when it fails?
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> All the documentation tells you is how to use the nice GUI.
> Everything else is deliberatly hidden.

You have put into words why (almost) totally GUI driven systems like Windows disturb me. I guess it's a case of the using the tool one feels most comfortable with. Sometimes it's fun to write shell scripts that modify system stuff automagically. Particularly for laptops that have certain license managers installed that don't run when you change your IP address to plug into a network whilst on a
field trip (Not unique to IDL LM...my f90/C compilers don't work either).

Just yesterday I thought I'd try and mount the writeable CD-ROM on my desktop linux box. Took 2 minutes. One minute to read the man page (to determine what type of filesystem to use) and one more
to write a script to do it all automagically...and I use vi!

In the end, though, it's the same dog different leg I reckon, linux/windows. Whatever lets one get their work done.

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