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

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Nigel Wade (nmw@ion.le.ac.uk) writes:

> I think this is caused by commercial pressure to make  
> Linux appear more and more like Windows ;-)

I'm sure everyone is as tired of my installation problems as I am, but let me just share one more story of my trials and tribulations last night.

In fact, I'm beginning to think Windows and Linux *\*are\** a lot alike. :-)

Last night all I wanted to do was move my nice HP Inkjet printer from my Linux machine (where it was doing me no good, since that machine *\*still\** can't find a network), to my machine that had the new Windows 2000 installed on it (in about 10 minutes) last week.

This is a plug-and-play printer. Windows 2000 is a plug-and-play operating system. I expected to be able to plug-and-get-back-to-the-damn-Linux-problem. No luck. :-(

For three hours I futzed around trying to get my trusty *\*other\** machine (which this week has suddenly decided to go into the ozone whenever I try to do an anonymous ftp download...sigh) to recognize the printer on the Windows 2000 machine.

In the end, I just said "Screw you" (have I told this story before?) and re-executed the commands that were *\*suppose\** to have worked the first time I tried it, and they worked perfectly. (Big sigh....)

I really do think I hate computers. :-(

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say I've thought about selling all my technology stocks, but looking at those huge losses just makes me even more depressed.

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