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

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David Fanning wrote:

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> Kenneth Mankoff (mankoff@lasp.colorado.edu) writes:  
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>> i think the linux/unix open source school would very much disagree with  
>> "free is not worth much". Free can be better.  
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> I wish I could agree with you, but after spending  
> five frustrating days getting nowhere with a Linux install,  
> I'm not so sure Linux is ready to take over the world. :-(  
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> Granted, I'm an idiot when it comes to this, but not  
> a \*complete\* idiot. Here are the directions for getting  
> my Linux computer to see my other computers:  
>  
> Page 349: Connecting to Windows Computers  
>  
> When your computer is connected to a network, Samba  
> Client lets you share files. For information about  
> using Samba Client software, see page 156.  
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> Page 156:  
>  
> You must configure Samba Client so you can share  
> directories with Windows systems. For information  
> about using Samba Client software, see page 349.  
>  
> Does anyone else see a problem here!? :-(

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

Besides, whoever heard of page numbers in Linux documentation?  
Try the SMB-howto, there are no page numbers in that to give  
documentation loops like that.

Hint, to mount a share :

```
mount -t smb -o username=ntusername //nt-server/share /mount/point
```

To share a filesystem with a SMB client try linuxconf if your  
distro has that. Otherwise, happy reading!!

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> Cheers,  
>  
> David  
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I generally find its the other way around. I can typically install a Linux system in an hour or less. Windows on the other hand...

I guess it's down to what you know. The typical example goes along the lines:

A computer user with several years of using/installing Windows systems tries to install Linux. Forgetting the frustrating hours they spent the first time they tried to install Windows and it failed, they exclaim "Why is Linux so hard to install? Windows is really easy!".

Not that I am biased or anything...

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