
Subject: Re: IDL Help Gone Missing
Posted by [stevens](#) on Wed, 17 Oct 2001 10:59:31 GMT
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In <9qji5k\$016\$1@rook.le.ac.uk>, Nigel Wade:

[Snip...]

> You're worried about a few patches for Linux?
> Patches are fine, install them if you need them. Ignore them if you don't.

Thank you for injecting some rational considered insight into this. I've listened to this impatient bashing of Linux (or FreeBSD, etc.), for what is nothing, compared to proprietary alternatives. It is in my experience one of the most prompt, reasonable, and effective tool maintenance paths I've ever used in 30+ years of this stuff.

As you said, folks need to either just do it (with Open Source, if those means suit them), or forget it, and get on with their lives. If it's got nothing to do with securing their system or avoiding crashes just forget about it. I've helped run a webserver/email system on 32 MB RAM P133 for nearly five years of Linux now, installing exactly two patches on it.

(Full disclosure: doesn't include complete system rebuild over a weekend after a system disk hardware crash)

[Snip...]

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Regards, Weird (Harold Stevens) * IMPORTANT EMAIL INFO FOLLOWS *
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