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Subject: Re: Linux Question

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Benjamin Hornberger wrote:

> James Kuyper wrote:

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>> I can't provide you with any comparisons; all of my installation  
>> experience has been with RedHat Linux. However, I thought I should  
>> give you a warning. I'm a very technically astute person, and very  
>> much a Linux supporter, and the software is pretty easy to install,  
>> but I still have lots of problems with hardware configuration. Linux  
>> is going to remain a minority operating system until they make  
>> hardware configuration a lot easier.

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> I think in hardware configuration SUSE is better than Red Hat. By the  
> way, by "they" you hopefully mean the hardware manufacturers. If they  
> provided Linux drivers as they do provide Windows drivers, there would  
> hardly be any problem...

For me it isn't the drivers that are a problem, it's the HOW-TOs. If every piece of hardware came with (correct) Linux installation instructions, it would be fine. However, in the absence of those instructions, I've had to navigate an extremely confusing thicket of HOW-TOs, most of which seem to be at least two releases out of date. Even simply identifying the relevant HOW-TO file can be daunting.

There's also chat rooms and newsgroups where you can go for live advice, but I've been turned off of those locations by the sheer volume of messages I have to wade through, the literally overwhelming majority of which have nothing to do with my particular question.

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