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Subject: Re: Linux Question

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"Paul Van Delst" <paul.vandelst@noaa.gov> wrote in message  
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> David Fanning wrote:

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>> It's not really a matter of intelligence. Most of the  
>> people in an IDL class have advanced degrees in physical  
>> sciences. It is something else, and I can't really put my  
>> finger on it. (I used to think it was because they were forced  
>> to use LINUX computers, but now I know better.) They  
>> don't understand programming at all. They don't really  
>> know what a variable is, they don't know how to type  
>> a program, they don't understand how windows work on  
>> their computers. Really basic stuff I would have thought  
>> you learned as a physical science undergraduate. But  
>> if so, they have forgotten a lot of it.

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> Ah, I know what you mean. When I first came to the US ('93) I was amazed  
> at the number of graduate students (in science fields) that didn't know  
> how computers worked and had never programmed at all. How can that be?!?  
> Bizarre. Didn't everybody learn about registers, CPUs, ALUs, Math  
> Coprocessors, etc. in their Experimental Methods classes?

I can't tell you how happy this makes me.

I read this and I think "job security", after all, someone has to  
know how to compute.

Ahh!

Thanks for the morning "pick me up".

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-bob "whistling while he works"

PS and know that I know how to find DLMS, I feel that I may  
have achieved complete and utter mastery over all computer related fields.

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