
Subject: Re: Mac Cursor

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Quoth JD Smith:

- > Actually, most astronomers are from a Sun/Solaris background, or, more
- > recently, Linux background [1], yet want a laptop that:
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- > a) Works well out of the box with no driver/kernel futzing.

In this category, but worth it's own mention, is the ability to connect practically any projector and have it JUST WORK, out of the box. This *never* happened with my linux laptop.

Not experienced any of the Macbook Pro crashes. Mine has been pretty rock solid.

Major pet peeve, though, is the lack of highlight-copy and middle-click-paste in OSX. 5 months after switching, it STILL catches me out. doh!

Then Quoth David Fanning:

- > JD Smith writes:
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- >> Actually, most astronomers are from a Sun/Solaris background
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- > Ok, ok, Wayne and JD convince me astronomers know more about their Macs
- > than I give them credit for. I'll make my argument more narrowly next
- > time: almost no one with a Mac in an IDL programming class can figure
- > out how to get a directory of perfectly sensible IDL routines onto their
- > IDL PATH. Maybe that's an IDL problem. Probably is. But it seems to be a

This seems partly an OSX problem, too. I run idl command line, from within CarbonEmacs using idlwave. So I can't just set the IDL_PATH var in my .bashrc. I discovered that OSX Apps launched by clicking an icon do not pick up any environment vars defined in .bashrc et al. So none of my .bashrc.idlpath definitions are read. The best work-around I could find is to "open /Applications/Emacs.app" from an iTerm.

cheers
chris
