Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by **terminator 101** on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 00:30:29 GMT
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Let me ask you this: Why almost everi computer in the world uses Windows ? Is it so hard for some other company to create something else or something similar that would be compatible with windows and other programs? Almost everibody knows that Windows sucks. It is like if everi car used the same engine, and almost no one would even dream of creating other engines, except maybe few that would be incopatible with the cars that use the first engine. I know that compatibility is a big issue, but look at CD-Roms: Every CD-Rom drive (made by any company)can read almost all kinds of CDs made by different companies. If this works with CD-Rom drives, it should work with Windows, and any other OS.
P.S: I don't know much about programming, but someday I will learn all about it.

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Posted by **cheesesoda** on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 00:38:21 GMT
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let's put it this way, it's too late for someone to develop something that can compete. it's like trying to start up a brand new car company that u expect to compete with GM, Ford, etc... Microsoft pratically has a monopoly and trying to create a new OS you would either be bought out by MS itself or you would be squashed right off the bat. MS will not let anyone compete with them, they are on top and they plan on staying on top.

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by **z310** on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 00:41:56 GMT
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Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by **kopaka649** on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 01:05:08 GMT
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its called lindows and it sux
they charge you money for a linux distro crappier than the rest and call it an easy switch from windows cuz of their click and run crap(which you also have to pay for)

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by **IRON FART** on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 01:06:34 GMT
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Almost every computer in the world uses windows because of stupid people.

Literally. Stupid people.

MS markets windows primarily to those who are too dumb to know what windows is even. Some people are so computer-stupid that they do not know when they are getting ripped off. So the obvious choice when you want a computer is to run over to Dell or Gateway, and spend your money on a Windows OS computer. They don't know of any other OS. Linux, Mac and many other OS's remain unused by the majority of people.

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Posted by mrpirate on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 01:09:01 GMT
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There was a time when there were more operating systems. That was the time for competition. Windows has already won.

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by Gernader8 on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 01:36:11 GMT
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I prefer windows over using OS X. Oh they say it does not crash like windows. It just crashes in it's own unique way.

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by Infinint on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 02:41:06 GMT
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"Microsoft windows failed to crash because of an unexpected error"

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Posted by rm5248 on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 02:58:02 GMT
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Posted by xptek_disabled on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 03:30:31 GMT
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I dont use Windows, I use OSX, I run Windows in VirtualPc as more of a suplement...

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I'd love to see you navigate the terminal...

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Posted by Infinint on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 05:17:44 GMT
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Posted by gibberish on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 11:10:15 GMT
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I have been trying (without success) to find an article I read a while back.

Basically the article stated that in future there is likely to be a three way fight between Solaris, Windows and Linux.
Some other OS's may survive, but they won't have anywhere near the user base of these three.

I kind of agree with that article with the reservation that I am not sure how some of the OS'es on newer devices will pan out, (Mobile phones, PDA and such).

Personally I see the strengths of these three being:

Solaris: Good on high end Sun and Fujitsu hardware.
Linux: Cheap/Free and reliable server side OS.
Windows: Well known desktop OS.

I use all three OS'es almost every weekday and I like all of them.

I don't see any new OS'es coming into any of these markets for these reasons:

In order to compete at the high end server market you need a lot of money to build hardware and develop an OS there just aren't that many companies that have the resources/desire to do it.

For a low end server, it is difficult to find flaws in Linux and its really difficult to beat the price.

For the desktop, I just don't think MS will let anyone else into the market.
I think they will do anything they can to stop someone getting a foothold.

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by Scythar on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 13:37:31 GMT
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Ah, I guess it was just a matter of time until the OS fight topics came here too...

All OS's have their pros and cons, Linux is good for some things, and in some other stuff, Windows is superior to Linux.

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by Xtrm2Matt on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 15:40:21 GMT
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Although many people hate Microsoft, and their OSs', but tbh, they make REALLY good Operating Systems. Most are stable (Windows 2000, 2003, NT etc).

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by Infinint on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 16:05:10 GMT
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Windows and Mac are meant to be user friendly OSs for the majority of society which still consists of more computer illiterate people then computer literate. There will always be windows, but Linux will still stand, but it still wont be more used then Windows because the majority of the population

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Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by terminator 101 on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 19:48:56 GMT
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O.K, windows has taken over. Before windows, there were programs like MS-DOS, Volcow commander(or what was it called), DOS-Navigator, Norton commander (I have this one on my computer just for fun), and maybe more. Those Operating Systems were replaced by the first Windows 3.11(or what number was it) and then by Windows 95, but what happened to them afterwards? Did they disappear? Why didn't the creators of those programs try to compete with the Windows?
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Posted by K9Trooper on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 19:53:07 GMT
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$$$$$$$ Creating OS's required a lot of time and resources. After Windows 95 not many companies could compete with MS and survive. 95 was the straw that broke the camel's back. Being the first true mainstream GUI OS does have its perks.

BTW 3.11 was still a DOS shell.

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Posted by boma57 on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 20:38:15 GMT
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Posted by NHJ BV on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 20:40:36 GMT

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Wasn't Windows 95/98 and maybe even 2000 still a DOS shell with a graphical interface?

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by dal11 on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 21:09:30 GMT

Kinda but they integrated the graphics into it so that the os was useless without the gui. Btw sun...? solaris is a unix(linux's big bro) os, wich is being abandoned by sun in favor of....?Linux!! All of Sun's upcoming workstations are going to be linux based. So the question is wich person are you windows?(it's not going away....ever) or linux(wich needs lots of work to make it more user freindly). We my freinds are in a world now dominated by pc's. Even stupid people need to be able to use them. Wich is what MS markets to makes for, and linux needs to gravitate to, if it ever wants to compete with windows.
(BIG strides in the last few distros have done this but still more is needed). Even Mac os is unix based now. The days of old are long gone in having to understand how it works to use it. The day will never come when just one platform will exist.

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Posted by K9Trooper on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 21:31:47 GMT

2000 is natively NTFS but could be installed as a FAT32 and possibly FAT16. But DOS/95 are FAT and 95OSR2/98/98SE/ME are FAT32
3.1x was just a shell for DOS and a lot of people do not consider it a true GUI OS.

NTFS does not use DOS. It has something similar in the Command Prompt, but it is not DOS. I dare you to go to a hard core IT person and tell him to open the "DOS window" in Server 2000.

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Posted by gibberish on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 21:48:31 GMT

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I still have a laptop that has windows 3.11 on it. It's a Toshiba T4400C. I unearthed it when I was cleaning the basement one day. The amazing thing is, it still runs great, and the battery still works. The only thing that was wrong with it was that the clock read 1996 .

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Posted by xptek_disabled on Mon, 29 Mar 2004 22:21:38 GMT
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Quote:Windows and Mac are meant to be user friendly OSs for the majority of society which still consists of more computer illiterate people then computer literate.

I have found quite the opposite. Macs are for video editing professionals, graphics artists, and 3d artists. A PC simple can't compare when performing these tasks. Contrary to popular belief, Macs are far from easy to use, at this point in development, the Aqua interface is plaged with bugs and cosmetic problems and feels sluggish at times. That's why I choose to use KDE instead.

Subject: Why Windows?
Posted by gibberish on Tue, 30 Mar 2004 00:46:25 GMT
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Posted by gam3rj on Tue, 30 Mar 2004 00:53:56 GMT
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I use Windows because it is efficient. I am starting to use Linux more and more everyday. I am learning about compiling and putting together a Stage 1 Gentoo OS.

My intake on this is that even though Microsoft has about 90%, it will eventually decrease. Schools, corperations, small businesses and even home users need to spend their money on other stuff. While, I'll get feedback that will say "I didn't buy Windows", it's still quite known that a very small percentage of the Windows userbase is using Windows pirated.

I'm working with my school's funding on software and hardware and to purchase all of these Windows 2000/XP operating systems completely blows the funding. We have switched to Linux terminal system and a believe that using it saves a whole lot of money, allows us to use older PCs and also gives us more to work with.

Microsoft won't stand tall forever. They don't have very many promising things to add to their next OS (and after that). I believe that their market will gradually decrease and open-source will play a big role.

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Posted by tooncy on Tue, 30 Mar 2004 02:05:46 GMT
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On XP it's format, but lets look at windows 3.11... (An odd thing about windows 95-ME is that the 'help' command doesn't work, yet when I turn on my Toshiba, exit windows, and type 'help' (well, help|more) it displays a list of commands   .)

Anyway, done booting
FDisk - Configures a HD for use with MS-Dos
Format - formats a hard drive for use with MS-Dos

Well, Fdisk is for deleting partitions. Oh yeah, I did use Fdisk once... I had a (EDIT:) Hitachi notebook vision plus with a ton of crap on it. The drive on it was partitioned, one part with linux, and one with Windows 95. I remember, I had to delete the linux partition. Heh.

Well, you win.

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Short for NT File System, one of the file system for the Windows NT operating system (Windows NT also supports the FAT file system). NTFS has features to improve reliability, such as

transaction logs to help recover from disk failures. To control access to files, you can set permissions for directories and/or individual files. NTFS files are not accessible from other operating systems such as DOS.
For large applications, NTFS supports spanning volumes, which means files and directories can be spread out across several physical disks.

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I have installed Win98se Isntalled now for about 2 Years without any reinstall and I got up from Dos 3 to Dos 6 +Win3.1 -> WIn98->se
I think that WIndows is the best for peronal use, Linux is the best for Servers/Multiuser Securety Systems.
Well-.. there are alternatives if you REALLY want to switsch. But most pll are jsut to lazy and just complain about sucking windows... but what will the do without it?

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Posted by NHJ BV on Tue, 30 Mar 2004 08:54:54 GMT
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Posted by laeubi on Tue, 30 Mar 2004 08:55:44 GMT
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Posted by gibberish on Tue, 30 Mar 2004 09:48:16 GMT
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K9TrooperShort for NT File System, one of the file system ......

And what does the NT in "Windows NT" stand for ?

http://www.winntmag.com/Articles/Index.cfm?IssueID=97&ArticleID=4494

New Technology.

Hence its New Technology Filing System.

http://www.pcguide.com/ref/hdd/file/ntfs/

This is actually one of the things that makes me laugh when I see windows 2000 boot, it says:

Based on NT Technology

e.g.:
Based on New Technology Technology

I wonder how much they payed that marketing genius.

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Posted by Blazer on Tue, 30 Mar 2004 09:49:52 GMT
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I'm not sure "low end server" is entirely accurate. We have dual processor linux boxes (both Intel P4 x86 and AMD Opteron x86-64) that thoroughly spank our Solaris boxes that have 8 processors and 8GB of RAM when it comes to raw processing power or database operations (Oracle).

Linux is gaining quite a foothold in the high-end server domain, in part due to the release of the various "Enterprise Linux" distros that are vendor supported and recommended.

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Posted by SS217 on Wed, 31 Mar 2004 02:35:17 GMT
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