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Posted by Kim on Fri, 09 Nov 2007 04:20:08 GMT

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ROFL!   good one.

Yeah, DRM to the max, and now this. Looks like the end of the
road for Windoze DAW's was XP - after our current rigs are no
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Neil

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Posted by Dedric Terry on Fri, 09 Nov 2007 04:57:42 GMT

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Your USB stick worked? Vista says it can't find drivers for any of mine -
I've tried three; also tried a Logitech webcam that has it's own drivers
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Posted by Erling on Fri, 09 Nov 2007 12:25:01 GMT

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By the way, after nearly a year in use, I see the Service Pack One are
on its way for Vista. After that, it's time to wait for Service Pack
Two etc., etc., etc.....;-)
....So, maybe I think I'm old enough to have learned to wait a year or
two before a new product is new for me...
....By the way, I buied Adobe Audition 3 today...
....and it's brand new today...
....I saw something written about it a month ago and wanted to own it
after owning each version from CoolEditPro...

....So where have my logic mind gone???...

....and I looked at this "new" homesite too yesterday:

http://www.intelligentdevices.com/

The only word I don't like to see here is the word "SOON"!!!!
It will be show to see how far away the word "soon" will be here;-)

erlilo

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Posted by John [1] on Fri, 09 Nov 2007 13:22:30 GMT
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making them even when you have told it to delete a file, its not a transfer
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views in the folder view settings :)

http://it.slashdot.org/article.pl?sid=07/03/27/038227

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Posted by TCB on Fri, 09 Nov 2007 16:00:42 GMT
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The wireless issues are a function of the hardware manufacturers, not Ubuntu
or Debain (it's upstream, far geekier parent). If you want to do something
about it you should talk to the people who make your wireless card and tell
them to open their hardware enough so drivers can be written. Trust me, they
will be done within days.

Also, WEP/WAP is a joke. When my DSL line goes down I break into someone
else's 'secure' wireless network to check my email. It takes me five minutes
unless they are doing MAC address filtering, which actually does help a lot.

Pretty much all of the config files for Ubuntu (and nearly all *nix OSs)
are in /etc somewhere. Once you're used to using them you'll never miss a
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Good luck, the Ubuntu forums are excellent and very newbie friendly. The
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Posted by Mark McDermott on Fri, 09 Nov 2007 17:39:06 GMT
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Especially, the 64-bit version.

Vista should sell more Intel Macs than anything Mr. Jobs could do.

Gotta say, just received a new MacBook Pro. Nicest computer I've ever used (and I go back to a wire-wrapped CP/M box with a hand-written BIOS).

I've got Leopard, and two XP VMs running concurrently under Parallels. Smooth as SILK. Welcome to the real future!

Rock on!

Mark

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Posted by John [1] on Fri, 09 Nov 2007 20:03:17 GMT
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oh and Kim you owe me big time for this tip ! hehe

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