
Subject: Re: OT The platform wars are over...
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"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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>"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

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>>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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>>>Ah, the plight of the brutally oppressed Mac user.

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>>Well, in the case of the PC nazi dept. head, my wife got a termination
>>letter hand delivered to her on New Years Eve. Rather than punching
>>him in the nose, we filed a grievance. Both the dept. head
>>and the provost who backed him were gone in 6 months when all the
>>facts came out. It wasn't about platforms, it was about a very bad
>>dept. head and the platform issue was a symptom, not a cause.

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>>I was working at a university

>>>in the mid-90's when we gently suggested that, since there were very serious
>>>questions as to whether Apple could continue as a going concern, it might
>>>be a good idea for Mac-centric departments at least diversify their platform
>>>choices.

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>>Reasonable advice. Zero chance of enforcing it on faculty as you
>>discovered.

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>And had our concerns actually come to pass, i.e. Apple going out of business
>which was a very real possibility back then, guess who the faculty would
>have come whining to to bail them out? We were giving prudent advice that
>SOME people ignored and the rest got a little lucky.

The people that ran around saying apple would be going out of business were the ones that would have benefited the most by Apple going out of business, MS zealots. Mac users about 25 to 35 million back in those days knew Apple wouldn't be going out of business, regardless to the all the vicious lies and false rumors. Some people believe that if you repeat a lie enough everybody will believe it. You can fool some of the people some of the time but you can't fool all of the people all of the time.

It wasn't good advice then and it still isn't now!

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>>>IT departments are charged with a different mission that home users. To
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>>>day where I work I don't tell people what computers, operating systems,
>>and
>>>applications they can or can't use. It's not my job, or my place to tell
>>>them that, what I CAN tell them is what I can promise them I will support.
>>>I tell them that if they're running a laptop I set up with an operating
>>system
>>>I know if it breaks I'll fix it. If they want to use Mail on a OS X or
>check
>>>IRC using emacs on a minix machine, more power to them, but I can't say
>>for
>>>sure that I can fix things if they break.
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>>Fair enough. They have budgets and can pay for their own support.
>>You do realize the implications, right?
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>As far as I can tell the implication is that I'm charged with giving world
>class support to my users, which I do. In return they trust that I will
make
>good decisions for this organization about what can and can't be supported,
>within reason. That means that on the OS level I advise people not to have
>WORK machines that are Vista or OS X. Right now I have to be reasonably
conversant
>in Solaris 8/9/10, two flavors of linux (SuSE and Red Hat), and CISCO OS.
>I also have to be fluent in Debian, Server 2k3, and Server 2000 and have
>projects on hand that are forcing me to learn SQL Server 2005 (in addition
>to the Oracle 9i db stuff we already have) plus at least basic C# and ASP.NET.
>Since there only 24 hours in the day and I still like to sleep, eat, make
>music, and get laid, I think I'd be doing a disservice to my users if I
suddenly
>decided to learn a new desktop platform.

That is a lot of stuff to know, so what's another OS? As time goes on, more
and more people are going to start using Mac OSX, it wouldn't hurt to learn
it.

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>Again, what are these implications you speak of?
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I think you are anti Mac because it fits in to the IT mentality, and I think
you think it threatens your livelihood. More Mac, less IT guys needed.

>TCB
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>>>But anyway, you're right, we're all out to 'ban' your Macs.
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>>Hmmm.
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>>DC

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