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Posted by [Deej \[4\]](#) on Wed, 21 Mar 2007 20:12:31 GMT  
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Deej, I'm laughing all the way. I hope you know I'm just joking with you  
also. I use both platforms and I would never want it to be only a Mac world.  
Your a PC guy and that's OK. I'm sure I'll need your help with my XP boxes  
from time to time.

However, you might not want to read the general NG right now. My Venom  
for MS is loud and clear.

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 03:09:24 GMT  
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Steve,

Another great post.

VMS are the BOMB! no matter what platform you are on.

My development environment is 100% VM now. Visual studio, outlook, office, openoffice, everything runs in a 100% self contained VM. The only thing I leave for the real machine is the stuff that needs direct hardware access.

The fun part is that I also now have a commodore 64 virtual machine with my favorite carts from 1983! (thanks to openDos and VICE running in a VM)

I have VMS for XP, Windows Server 2003, 2000, NT 3.51, 4.0 and whatever the heck else I need. I will never, ever install a piece of software to the physical machine again, unless it needs direct hardware access.

Chuck

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and can try anything I want at the drop of a hat at the expense of disk space,  
and no risk to my physical machine.

The only thing I can't get, that I want is OSX running in a VM

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Hey Steve and Chuck --

You guys are the uber-geeks, for sure -- this is soooo over my head,  
it ain't funny...

And yet... I'm intrigued enough to check out this "parallels" link,  
and look forward to soon becoming profoundly confused (in my spare  
time, of course...).

-- thanks, I think -- Chas.



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