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Microsoft just sucks! Thank god there's a usable alternative.

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I'm just going to keep using XP, either the 32 bit version as on my current Intel dual core or the 64 bit version if there are drivers.

Remember, you really need a 64 bit (integer, remember, the native audio math is a float anyway) OS if you want to address for than 4 GB of RAM. I can't see that being necessary for audio apps any time in the next few years.

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Here's some info from Microsoft's Co-President Jim Allchin...Very Interesting..He talks about Vista's Audio abilitites..

[http://www.northernsounds.com/index.php?option=com_content&am
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Here's an OSX rant that was posted by someone who replied to a thread I started elsewhere about this. Unlike me, he may be smart about this stuff:

<OSX drivers would make OSX users happy for sure, but if you think that moving to OSX will prevent this in the long run you're kidding yourself.

In regards to the 'antipiracy' measures coming with Vista (as per the article above), you need to consider that it's more than just Microsoft/Vista behind this.

Apple was the first company in the 'technology' sector to cave on the protected drm front with iTunes. Certainly they never would have gotten the media companies to go along without iTunes drm, and theirs isn't as restrictive as some, but it's a fact. Fact2 is that Apple is actually AHEAD of Microsoft when it comes to using drm built into the hardware to 'secure the OS'. The MacIntel boxes use a TPM module to 'secure' OSX86, and you can be sure they want to tie iTunes into this in the long run. They've been bashing Longhorn/Vista since early 2000 for its built in DRM, and meanwhile they've been the first adopters 'in the field' so to speak (since Vista has only now started shipping). Once compliant hardware is out you can be sure OSX will 'have' to support it, and when that is in place you'll have OSX locked down just as tight as Vista (iTunes & the motherboard already have it in place, the rest of the hardware just needs to catch up).

I mention all of this not because I think Windoze SUXOR, nor is Apple the boogie-man either, but because I'm of the opinion that this is really the the major media conglomerates who have been pushing for this stuff since at least 1998 (remember the p3's 'serial number'?) and are 'behind' what is currently unfolding now. Now that computers are becoming more of a commodity and meant more to 'consume' than to 'produce' simply due to the numbers of consumers who are 'online' these days, I think that the slippery slope is sliding faster & faster.

Make no mistake, the major media companies also have it in mind to make it harder for independant content to be made available. It's not just the point-of-sale they're losing control over these days, but the entire production & distribution process.

And the hardware companies are going along not because the media companies have their best interests in mind, but because Apple also has something else Dell & co. would love. Single sale boxes that you replace every few years, rather than the decades old 'incremental' upgrade process most current PC users go through. If you're not allowed to manipulate the hardware without incurring 'antipiracy' measures, then you'll eventually wind up (in 5-10 years) with boxes that you can barely upgrade at all, again making it even more convenient to do a complete system replacement when you want a simple 'upgrade'. This is ALREADY the solution that many inexperienced users opt for when confronted with something as simple as a machine overloaded with malware.

Consider how much of the gear you buy these days is easily 'repairable'. On the professional front most gear can still be serviced, but the closer you get to consumer commodities, the more the price for the repairs versus the

price for new shiny crap makes it attractive to simply replace an entire piece of hardware with a new item rather than trying to find someone who is actually willing to repair the item in question. It's understandable from the corporate standpoint. Why support independant repair technicians who you mainly profit from when selling 'technical manuals' and 'proprietary' testing tools, when you can have 'authorized' repair technicians that are actually working on your timeclock in 'authorized' repair centers. And since we now largely have 'authorized repair centers' and 'Returned Merchandise Authorizations' (which makes it almost easier again to just buy a new HardDrive etc rather than pay the shipping & wait 6 week to get your computer working properly) why not just take it even further and you can just replace the repair tech entirely with a sales clerk who is paid a low wage & works to generate sales on new shiny crap.>

Much of this makes enough sense to me to believe that we're all hosed now and we might as well just slit our wrists and be done with it..
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When he says....

One thing we did was to move some logic into the system plumbing, making it easier for an entry-level user to produce music on a PC with an on-board audio card solution. Having a self-contained audio engine means we can update it as we go.

Does he really mean...

Since we'll have our own on-board audio card solution, you won't be able to use one of your own & our drivers will fight with yours for global hard-drive supremacy. And when I said WE can update it as WE go, notice that I didn't say anything about YOU being able to update it as YOU go.

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Don't worry DeeJ, using a Mac hasn't made a certain mono-winged, stereo-tongued talk radio windbag into a Democrat, so you're probably safe to muddle on as usual.

A truly self reliant conservative, or especially libertarian, would probably lean toward Linux. Or better yet, write their own OS free from ancient baggage, spyware and any kind of corporate or governmental agenda.

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Cheers,
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Subject: Re: Vista knows best
Posted by [LaMont](#) on Wed, 27 Dec 2006 04:43:02 GMT
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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 27 Dec 2006 06:17:03 GMT

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I moved to this (app only, no internet on the audio/video boxes) years ago,

and it was just reinforced when I shot the Paris video.. Tank didn't even have a CDr burner on his paris machine, and a removable drive bay. Only Paris. Dude knew.

Of course, the flip side of that is that I personally own 10 (I do a LOT with PC's) computers now, but they all do what they do and they do it w/o hassles and fights.

Gut feeling is that I will not be moving them to Vista any sooner than I'm forced to.

FWIW, I put Vista Beta on a 3 year old Dell box at work (optiplex GX240), and it started placing all these hardware demands to run correctly. Now, how would you like to explain to your employer that they may need to buy 35%-40% of their working machines over again just to run the new OS?

That thinking just sucks, and there is no planned upgrade for that tier of machines, believe me.

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I'm still sore that BeOS was killed/turned into a bastardized former version of itself.
grrr.....

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I think they should, I don't think they will. It would mean bringing over things like ASIO and VST to a free platform and I think that would scare people. They could keep things like that proprietary but it would be a lot

easier all around to put it under the GPL or IBM Eclipse license (and have it loadable easily into the kernel as modules) and big companies without an understanding of free software usually aren't comfortable with that.

Again, I agree that they should, and Ubuntu would be a great place to start, and I think Mark Shuttleworth would be thrilled to have a high quality audio platform running on Ubuntu. But I don't think anyone will. Hope I'm wrong.

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I don't think MSoft thinks of Apple as a competitor, but as a boutique hardware line. Vista is supposed to compete with Google, RIM, and to a lesser extent Sony, Comcast, Disney, Cablevision, and others. Apple is _very_ low on the hit list, and if they make it that far down the list the jig is up anyway.

TCB

"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

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>>Careful what you wish for James. There are backdoors and security flaws

>in

>>BSD, which means they are in OS X. There's a certain geek code of ethics

>>that is usually respected that you don't beat the daylights out of quality,

>>security conscious operating systems like BSD and linux. You notify the

>maintainers

>>and give them a chance to fix it. But that quaint code or ethics is not

>shared

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>on

>>'Patch Tuesday' so they have the longest amount of time to use the code

>to

>>compromise hosts before machines can be patched. If OS X got a 15-20% market

>>share it's a much more attractive target for the really bad guys, particularly

>>because it's BSD based and thus highly multi-user and highly crash resistant.

>>And, take offense if you want I don't care, it's being used by a community

>>that has many members who are actually proud of being computer unsophisticated.

>>'I don't have to do anything to my Mac, it just works.' Well, now it 'just

>>works' as a DOS bot and your hosts.conf file has been changed and won't

>allow

>>security patches to be downloaded and it's owned by a hidden user account

>>with a randomly generated name and password that was sent over IRC to a

>compromised

>>web server in Bulgaria.

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>>As I said, be careful what you wish for. Being a small, harder to find

fish

>>can be a real advantage in some situations.

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>Hey Thad! I can dig that. Nothing is perfect, no matter what you do, any

>house can be broken in to. I hear they are going to go way out of their

>way to exploit Mac OS in 2007. I hear through MS's long tentacles, there

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>>>If you think Microsoft software is a safe bet, think again!
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>>><http://apnews.excite.com/article/20061226/D8M8LL4O6.html>
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>>>I'll just say it now. There is going to be a big campaign in 2007 to
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>>>to convince people that Microsoft's main competitor in the OS market has
>>>a flawed and unsecured OS. It's going to be like a high school popularity
>>>contest, The competitor will be raked over the coals and lied about and
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Hi James,

I think the dislike comes on 2 fronts:

-1 When Mr Jobs stopped the Mac Clone industry. That really pissed alot of Mac owners(Me included) off. They Apple were getting handed their lunch by the clone macs.

-2 The "over-hype" if you will, of the G4 prowess. As well as the G5. He outright lied on it's performance capabilities. And, he continued to lie when the G5 came out.

Too much hype that good people bought into. Then, to turn around and start using the very same processor that you stated the G4 &G5 was superior to.

This pissed 'real' computer people off , and he (Jobs) really disccredited himself in the overall computer industry.

Yes Apple is properous again, but he's left too many bloody trails of G4's & G5 to be given a pass.

Remember all the Mac vs PC wars where good Mac owners knowinly or not knowingly argued totheir were blue in the face. Convinced that the Mac they just purchased was "light years" faster than the current Intel offerings.. Bogus Adobe Speed test, and the like..

Then to add insult to injury, the stop development for Logic Windows!!! Never mind good people paid good money for that hal-baked- audio recoreder/editor, midi sequencer. Thinking most of us Logic Win users would switch over.. wel,

most went straight to Cubase. The others, Sonar, and even DP..But, most went to Cuabse.

As a PC user (Intel/AMD) these statements from Mr Jobs were "offensive" and begs for an Appology to all PC (windows) users. ANd, and Applogy to all Mac zealots who bought in to the CPU G4/G5 speed hype.

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Subject: Steve Jobs Hatred (was Re: Vista knows best)

Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Thu, 28 Dec 2006 21:32:12 GMT

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Bloody trails? Maybe you're exaggerating a bit yourself... ;^)

Sure there was CPU hype (and not just from Apple), but I had a dual G4 and it was a BIG step up, speedwise, from my previous Intel box. Way better. It was certainly fast enough for audio production, even native audio production if I froze tracks with intensive synth or FX plugins as needed. A bit noisy and quickly overtaken by other CPU developments, but not a slouch.

I think that G4 box really was the fastest computer on the block, for about a week, until it was passed up by the chip of the following week (probably AMD). And so it goes.

My dual G5 was a big step up from the G4. And it's STILL fast enough for audio production without freezing tracks, typically, and even HD video production. Runs quieter, too. So the trail isn't all that bloody here.

BTW, all the comparisons to Intel chips that you resent were to older chips. Some of the comparisons were fair, some were exaggerated, true.

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BTW, if you think you're upset about Logic not being supported on MSWindows, what about all the Atari users... :^/

I agree about the clone situation, that seemed like a mistake to me.

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Just got around to reading the original link - this could be the end of Windows. And I agree with you as well Lamont. Imho, both Microsoft and Apple have done a lot to advance the personal computer industry, but they

have also conveniently crippled it for the sake of profit margin, just like most major US companies are doing now.

If I were Warren Buffet, I would buy a linux company, load them up with marketing and development capabilities and blitz the crap out of both Microsoft and Apple at their own game, and build a system for consumers rather than Sony, Disney and Microsoft/Apple.

Regards,
Dedric

On 12/28/06 8:26 PM, in article 459487f6@linux, "DJ" <nowayjose@dude.net> wrote:

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> We agree LaMont. You were reading my mind.
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> ;o)
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> "LaMont" <jjdpro@ameritech.net> wrote in message news:4594196e$1@linux...
>>
>> Hi James,
>>
>> I think the dislike comes on 2 fronts:
>>
>> -1 When Mr Jobs stopped the Mac Clone industry. That really pissed alot of
>> Mac owners(Me included) off. They Apple were getting handed their lunch by
>> the clone macs.
>>
>> -2 The "over-hype" if you will, of the G4 prowess. As well as the G5. He
>> outright lied on it's performance capabilities. And, he continued to lie
>> when the G5 came out.
>> Too much hype that good people bought into. Then, to turn around and start
>> using the very same processor that you stated the G4 &G5 was superior to.
>> This pissed 'real" computer people off , and he (Jobs) really disccredited
>> himself in the overall computer industry.
>>
>> Yes Apple is properous again, but he's left too many bloody trails of G4's
>> & G5 to be given a pass.
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>> Remember all the Mac vs PC wars where good Mac owners knowinly or not
>> knowingly
>> argued totheir were blue in the face. Convinced that the Mac they just
>> purchased
>> was "light years" faster than the current Intel offerings.. Bogus Adobe
>> Speed test, and the like..
>>
>> Then to add insult to injury, the stop development for Logic Windows!!!
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>> Never
>> mind good people paid good money for that hal-baked- audio
>> recorder/editor,
>> midi sequencer. Thinking most of us Logic Win users would switch over..
>> wel,
>> most went straight to Cubase. The others, Sonar, and even DP..But, most
>> went
>> to Cuabse.
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>> As a PC user (Intel/AMD) these statements from Mr Jobs were "offensive"
>> and
>> begs for an Appology to all PC (windows) users. ANd, and Applogy to all
>> Mac
>> zealots who bought in to the CPU G4/G5 speed hype.
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>> So, James, it's easy to see why the mention of Me Jobs stirs such venom..
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>> Take care,
>> LaMont
>> "James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>>> Chris Ludwig <chrisl@adkproaudio.com> wrote:
>>>> HI,
>>>> To me this more than ever a time for the Linux folks to setup. I dislike
>>>>
>>>> Microsoft and Apple pretty much equally. Given the chance Jobs be as big
>>>>
>>>> as bully and buffoon as Gates. This would be a great time for higher end
>>>>
>>>> niche type companies to really look into Linux support. I think they
>>>> would greatly benefit from it big time at this point. Allot less
>>>> politics involved then in the Windows and Apple world and much more
>>>> quality of the end product. Some companies might be hit by that hard if
>>>>
>>>> they have Windows or OSX centric code base like Cakewalk or Magix.
>>>> Sense Apple have "borrowed" a UNIX/BSD core and MS have reinvented
>>>> windows 3.1 with the shell that looks like OSX why not just go directly
>>>>
>>>> to Linux and cut out the retarded middle men. Glad Steinberg do their
>>>>
>>>> base development for Cubase and Nuendo in a Linux environment. Don't
>>>> forget they had a fully functional version on Nuendo back when Be OS was
>>>>
>>>> around. Worked great with my RME Digi968 card.
>>>>
>>>> Chris
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>>> Why do so many people dislike Steve Jobs so much? Have you ever
>>> considered
>>> what he did for the (PC) Personal Computer industry, and how it has
>>> benefitted
>>> all of us?
>>>
>>> Chris, do you call Steve Jobs a bully because you heard the rumors that
>> he
>>> was a tuff boss, that he was anal about his vision and the direction of
>> the
>>> company he started? Can you really blame him? I think his feud with John
>>> Sculley has now proven that Steve Jobs was right. Scully, along with Gil
>>> Amelio, ran Apple in to the ground. It wasn't until Steve Jobs came back
>>> to Apple that Apple started to prosper again.
>>>
>>> Had it all been left up to IBM, at best we might have expensive IBM
>>> terminals
>>> in business. Had it been left to Microsoft, you might be still typing
>>> command
>>> lines in DOS 2007. (Dumb Operating System 2007)
>>>
>>> The PC industry certainly wouldn't be where it is today, if it wasn't for
>>> Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.
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>>> I don't get the disregard.
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>>>>>> And this doesn't even touch on the incredible PITA it will be to
>>>>>> organize
>>>>>> and maintain a Vista corporate/educational environment. It's ugly, trust
>>>>>> me.
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>>>>>> But there are two things that will work against this. First, the
>>>>>> corporate
>>>>>> client who at some point will simply say 'no mas' and stick with XP.
>>>>>> That's

>>>> pretty much the plan in my office. Second is what I've been saying all
>>> along,
>>>> which is that the OS doesn't really matter anymore. Google, YouTube,
>>>> MySpace.
>>>> That's what people want from their computers and they can be provided
>> on
>>>> a wide range of operating systems. A third potential dark horse is that
>>> much
>>>> of the DRM is an attempt by MSoft to force the content providers to
>>>> funnel
>>>> all of their content via MSoft authentication. Sony, Warner Brothers,
>> Comcast,
>>>> and a host of other content providers, bandwidth sellers, and
>>>> hardware/software
>>>> vendors with deep pockets have an interest in seeing this not happen.
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>>>> I was really scared when tech cratered in 2001 that it would become a
>> MSoft
>>>> world, simply because nobody could afford to fight them. But thanks to
>>> some
>>>> people waking up and the massive amount of money (and breathtaking
>>>> profit
>>>> margins) finally being generated by internet advertising that's not the
>>> case.
>>>> MSoft had its nose bloodied severely at the outset of the console war,
>>> until
>>>> Sony decided it would do the nice thing and blow itself to bits. Apple
>>> essentially
>>>> owns the consumer downloaded audio market, which bloodied both MSoft and
>>>> Sony noses. And, closest to my heart, after tech cratered the _real_
>>>> free
>>>> software projects, Apache, Perl, the kernel, Debian, Gnome, etc. kept
>> right
>>>> on going just like they had before. They didn't need sleezy VC money in
>>> 1995
>>>> and they don't need it now, and they don't need MSoft either.
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While what you say about sample libraries is true, pro audio is already a tiny market for mainstream software/hardware vendors, and the subset of people who fit your description in the pro audio world is a small subset of that. I would expect that companies would rather build 64 bit XP drivers than Vista drivers under most circumstances.

I don't think any vendors will get on the linux bus any time soon. It takes some real forward thinking to do that right, and I don't see a combination of hardware/software ready to take that leap. Also, something like ASIO and VST would have to go to linux, and I don't see Steinberg (or anyone else) doing that under the GPL, which is how it would make the most sense. But we can hope, I guess.

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