Subject: Windows 8
Posted by mikeaudet on Fri, 01 Mar 2013 14:47:41 GMT

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Hi All,

I've been reading up on Windows 8, and while it has some improvements, I am very concerned about the fact that new "Modern" apps can only be installed through the Windows Store.

I expect that over time, traditional apps will be deprecated and phased out like DOS was.

That means that eventually, Microsoft will have complete control over what apps can be installed on a PC. It also means that they will be able to remove any application from any Windows based PC for any reason without first getting permission. If a person doesn't agree to this, they can't use the Windows Store, and they can't install any "Modern" apps.

This makes me more than a little uncomfortable.

I think Windows 7 is going to be my last Microsoft OS and my last Microsoft product. They've just gone too far.

What do you guys think about this?

Do you think that Linux could offer an alternative for pro audio? I like the thought of OSX, but Apple is really no better than Microsoft, and I can't afford a Mac with PCIe slots anyway.

If not Linux, what would it take to make Ubuntu or some other user friendly Linux distribution attractive?

I'm thinking that down the road, I might do a Linux port of the Scherzo driver and see if I can get the PARIS app to run under Wine.

What do you guys think?

Mike

Subject: Re: Windows 8
Posted by dnafe on Sat, 02 Mar 2013 00:16:43 GMT

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Posted by kerryg on Sat, 02 Mar 2013 00:29:47 GMT

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I'd be glad to see that - and you know Reaper already works nicely under WINE, right?

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Posted by mikeaudet on Sat, 02 Mar 2013 14:27:40 GMT
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I was thinking about that. A PARIS hardware plug for Reaper would cover Windows and Linux that way.

The only thing I can think of needing would be UAD support. With that, Linux would be king.

A Linux driver isn't my first priority, but I think it's on my list.

Cheers!

Mike

Subject: Re: Windows 8
Posted by kerryg on Sat, 02 Mar 2013 20:20:50 GMT
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UAD support would definitely give Linux one of the things it lacks - some killer emulations. Another is virtual instruments - particularly a sampler that works well with existing libraries that some of us have invested substantial cash and years of editing in. There are a couple that are *almost* there.

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Posted by mikeaudet on Sat, 02 Mar 2013 20:37:31 GMT
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I think where Linux could eclipse Windows would be MIDI timing and low latency audio drivers.

If what I've read is right, you can call a user mode function directly from a driver in Linux, while you can't under Windows. You have to signal the user mode app in windows, and then it calls the driver. This slows things down.

I had a Linux audio driver project fall through, but I bought two thick books on the subject and started reading one.

For me, I can't be without too many Windows only apps to switch to Linux, so I think my plan is just to boycott Windows 8. If I somehow end up with Windows 8 on a new laptop or whatever, I'll

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boycott the Windows Store.

Maybe Steve Ballmer will be fired and a new day will dawn on Microsoft. There is always hope.

Mike

Subject: Re: Windows 8
Posted by kerryg on Sat, 02 Mar 2013 20:47:14 GMT
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I doubt it. They've sniffed blood - erm, money. This (plus the Apple store of course) looks like the end of the wide-open computing era we grew up knowing and the beginning of a new top-down reconceptualization that looks suspiciously like television and will probably describe a similar arc into the World of Crap. You won't be able to make a wildly successful app without paying a percentage.

Subject: Re: Windows 8
Posted by mikeaudet on Sat, 02 Mar 2013 21:10:31 GMT
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It's pretty frightening, isn't it?

Subject: Re: Windows 8
Posted by danielcornelius on Thu, 07 Mar 2013 17:31:37 GMT
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Someome know, if RME cards running under linux ?

It's really pretty frightening ! I like to go away from win if they do that in this way you discribed.

Subject: Re: Windows 8
Posted by Will The Weirdo on Mon, 15 Apr 2013 15:53:20 GMT
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Yep, looks like open source Linux will be the long term goal for PARIS with the PC\Mac system control lock down coming. Count me in for testing when you get it going.

I have Ubuntu installed and I'm slowly moving over myself. It will take time but I see it as necessary with the current direction everything is going. The more they control the system the more open source makes sense to me.