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Posted by [animix](#) on Wed, 18 Oct 2006 09:44:11 GMT  
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Belkin will probably \*\*\*\* up either one. My particular one was ME. I am  
posting from the \*\*\*\*ee office machine that now has had Windows reinstalled.

I'm going to take that belkin crap back tomorrow and cram it down  
someone's.....oh wait.....it \*is\* tommrrow.....!!!!

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this hasn't been my week for computers

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Heh. Well I haven't started up my MSWindows box in a while, so I guess I  
\_am\_ smarter than you... ;^)

And I try not to waste time with odd and wobbly concepts like "the registry."

Having to stop everything and reinstall an OS is about the biggest performance hit you can take, so I'll stick with your "CuteFurryAminal" for now. In the future, reliability will continue to be important to me

in OS choices. BTW, "Aminal" is cute just by itself. :^)

I think you're much, much deeper into Linux than me or most folks around here. I'm sure you are way smarter than me when it comes to Linux. I evaluated it enough to know it wasn't quite there for me on a few levels but worth looking at again, down the road.

My BeOS experience has been very straightforward, no "reinstalling" necessary. The only problem there was MSWindows not playing nice sharing the hardware. And of course, the company going under due to non-competitive behavior from DJ's nemesis.

I've never had to reinstall TOS, AmigaOS, OS9 or OSX either, and I'm not really all that lucky. But I've lost a fair amount of time to MSWindows, I'd like to send them a bill.

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I'm just now waking up and I actually dreamed about this (from 4:00to 10:30 AM) so it's like I didn't sleep at all.

Deej

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questioning the whole system and looking for something more reliable.

If I hitch a trailer to my truck I don't want to see the truck blow up.  
If that happened I would investigate the trailer AND the truck. And the  
hitch.

I feel for Deej.

BTW, my current music production rig, dual G5 OSX Logic, is always  
multitasking a bunch of apps. It isn't "stripped down" at all, plus  
there's a ton of stuff hanging off of the various ports. Not that I'm  
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