

## RE: [Full-Disclosure] lame bitching about xpsp2

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I am trying to figure out from all of your posts if you are just a troll or truly think you are saying something that can help.

You complain about the past and then complain about SP2 in the same breath like you are saying, I don't like what they did, so I don't like what they will ever do. This is pretty silly. You follow with an RFC rant, so even as MS has started following RFC very closely (too closely for some now who realize now they didn't want RFC compliance, they wanted MS to do it the \*nix way) you still would whine because they are also working on extending the RFCs to make them more useful or not following de facto \*nix standards even if they aren't RFC.

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> *before having tried it, its just plain stupidity and*  
> *their ego gets hurts thinking they might have to start*  
> *from zero.*

I can't really understand what you are saying here but it sounds like you are concerned that you will have to learn Windows, is this your real problem?

> *but after MacOS, i am pretty sure even M\$ will use Unix as*  
> *a base in future windows versions*

I do not work for MS but would be very comfortable in saying this will not occur. Had MS wanted to follow a \*nix like path, they could have a long time ago... They were doing \*nix back in 1980.

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> *( sh geez thats original ).*

Two things. First, have you seen Monad? If not, you might want to look at it before even trying to spout your normal uninformed opinion. You will probably find that someone is going to be trying to duplicate portions of that functionality in your favorite non-MS OS shortly. Second, now you are whining about names?

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> *The goal of M\$ is to achieve total control of information,*

Err no, their goal is to maintain a profit and compete as a business like they always have. The Microsoft world is not so religious as you have been raised to think. I realize this is unknown to you. But have faith...

> *M\$ business model is a threat to our freedom, and i would  
> like our childrens to have a choice, and not be formated  
> the M\$ way.*

Last I looked, MS wasn't the only OS writer out there and you aren't being forced to use it. How is it that your children won't have a choice? Or are you forecasting the death of the \*nix derivatives? I hope not and expect you are wrong if you are, they have their uses.

Your overall post is silly. You complain and whine saying MS is doing this this and that wrong but if there is any attempt on their part to correct things you just whine about that as well. Admit it, there is nothing that MS could do that would make you say, hmmm, maybe they have a good idea here. I can almost visualize the spittle forming on your lips as you type your responses. Dude, chill out.

BTW, re some of your other posts.

I recall nimda and I don't recall my Windows machines getting infected even though they sat on the internet. Sounds like it was a patching issue after all...

You argue to use Windows like systems (e.g. OpenOffice), just not Windows. This simply points out you have a hard on for Microsoft, not that you have anything worth listening to. Making business users use non-Windows systems will not magically build in them a wish to learn more and become more computer proficient. Most business users don't really much like computers and view them as a necessary evil. Windows is tolerable because they have been using it at home and have a good idea on how to use it (which BTW, having all of those Windows machines at home helps reduce training costs at work). Slapping some alternative OS on the desktop be it Mac, BSD, \*nix, or BeOS isn't going to cause a great desire to learn computers. Period.

On the permissions thing. Windows could be locked down and run as non-admins ages ago. We did it in a corporate environment in 96 with NT. What were the results? People bitching because they couldn't load software they wanted to load that had nothing to do with work and a rebuild rate going from at least one machine a week (we had thousands of machines) to none in six months. Of course if you run a different OS, the user's won't complain about not being able to do what they want... Oh wait yes they will, some people thought the same for the Win31 to WinNT 4 upgrade because it was a different OS with a different look and different rules and more security.

There are two benefits that a company would get right now if they jumped whole hog from Windows. 1. The misconception of lower cost of ownership

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because of reduced licensing costs and perceived reduction in cost of patching (\*nix never has to be patched, it is never on the news). 2. Less chance of being penetrated by a worm or virus because they have avoided the mono-culture... What happens if this is very successful and you have a new mono-culture... Oops.

My Windows machines I use do real multitasking, are stable, and are not prone to virii. In fact I can't recall the last virus I had, I think it might have been form-a back in the mid 90's. Ditto for my BSD and Linux machines. They are all tools, they have their places.

Troll elsewhere.

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It seems hard to beleive how people are tolerant and easy to forgive M\$ for doing such mistake along their product release. How do you a tag a product 'professionnal' when it gets owned by 41 kb of malware code ?

Not throwing the stone, but M\$ has never been careful about security, and often been blamed, rightfully, for the high numbers of clones / owned machines are there, that disrupt the internet with malicious traffic.

But somehow, people seems to turn a blind eye to the past, and actually pat Microsoft in the back for SP2. Short term memory ? Or is it really your ego that gets upset if you had to remove these winbox ?

Using M\$ systems, they always managed to boost your ego, being an 'administrator' and having 'all that power' at the click of your mouse.

In all fairness, "I am good with windows" means "I know where to click", nothing more and shows how the typical M\$ user is scared as hell of having ever one day to learn Unix, go through RFCs ( what for ? M\$ don't even read em themselves ), and use the command line. ( Not DOS, a proper unix shell ). Why is that ? Well its similar at people who refuse somit in block before having tried it, its just plain stupidity and their ego gets hurts thinking they might have to start from zero.

Tough, but after MacOS, i am pretty sure even M\$ will use Unix as a base in future windows versions, maybe without never saying admitting it, as they did so many times before. Longhorn boast "msh", the M\$ shell. ( sh geez thats original ).

The goal of M\$ is to archieve total control of information, and they already succeed, mainly due to fools that defend their business model, not having a clue what the rest is, and worse turning a blind eye to it, feeling safe in their 'clicking knowledge' comfort. M\$ business model is a threat to our freedom, and i would like our childrens to have a choice, and not be formated the M\$ way.

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There is no patting, accolade nor felicitations to give to M\$ for sp2.  
Its 6 years late, and has scared many consumer pc users, and has turned the  
internet in a giant malware collection. And i should thank em for  
sp2 ? No WAY. I am still getting nimda probes .....

Wake UP before its too LATE.  
My 2 cents.

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