

## Re: How To Abandon Microsoft

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Hugo writes:

> *Just wait untill you have a few hours without much of a workload, and give  
> the instruction; no exactly hard ...*

Sounds like you've never had 40,000 desktops to upgrade worldwide.

Upgrades can take many months in production environments.

> *You must run a LOT of old out of date software then.*

No. I just have actual experience running large and small computer systems and networks in real production environments.

> *I work in the the telecommunications / carrier industry, in our industry  
> upgrade is essential for production environments.*

Upgrades are essential at some point in every production environment. But you do not perform them if they are not essential, and you spend a tremendous amount of time testing them and rolling them out when they are. Telecommunications is a special flavor of production environment, so the rules are slightly different in the details, but the same principle applies.

> *But what sort of person would run a single user operating system in a  
> network environment?*

A single-user OS makes sense on the desktop, even in a network environment.

> *In Microsoft systems a end user can change the operating system itself,  
> just load some program or virus and suddenly the machine is destroying  
> data or some such nonsense ...*

Not when the machine is locked down. NT-based operating systems can be tightly secured.

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- > ... *all because twenty five*
- > *years ago Microsoft didn't understand that the world would one day be*
- > *networked.*

Twenty-five years ago, nobody understood that.

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