Death to Windows?

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Recently, Microsoft has updated their stance on piracy and stopped non-security related Windows Updates from being downloadable on a pirated copy of Windows, could this be a painful one?

The high cost of Windows, and the high-piracy rate put together, tells me that the recent change, could be a damaging one to Microsoft?s OS-share. That, combined with the fact that everyone (semi-techie, but Windows user) I know has been discussing alternatives now, for some reason, people are not impressed with Vista, what it?s offering, and how far behind, technology wise it really is.

Mac OS has had all of Vista?s features since at least the latest version, which, is already out, not at least a year in advance, and both GNU/Gnome and GNU/KDE have supported most of the graphics features for the last few years.

I?m seeing nothing really adding to Vista?s user-experience. I mean, sure, a few extra flashy graphics, I guess that increases sales from screenshot-lovers or whatever, but, it?s looking and sounding like the same old operating system. WinFS sounds like the biggest addition, albeit, a fairly large, and useful feature, I manage to keep my files organized as is, in documents, on my Linux (Fedora) box, perfectly fine.

Overall, I think a combination of things is going to help spread the market around, I believe Microsoft will hold the number one OS for a long time, however, as people become more educated about alternate operating systems, which, as my experience shows, that is happening, people will start switching.

I hear Apple is doing really well lately, maybe they?ll be able to convert that in to computer sales. 😊

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