

Living The PC-BSD Lifestyle

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Sitting next to my 47" Westinghouse LCD TV is the iXsystems Apollo Workstation. This workstation is powered by the 5500 series of the Intel® Xeon® processor, an Asus GeForce 9800 GT video card, and 4 gigs of RAM. It came with PC-BSD Galileo Edition (7.1) pre-installed and a handful of applications that immediately increased my quality of life tenfold.

Using free software instead of spending hundreds, or even thousands of dollars on commercial software is great, especially because I enjoy dabbling in Photoshop, FL Studio, Sony Music Studio, as well as playing games such as Left 4 Dead, Half-Life 2, and Eve Online.

First things first, can I play my favorite games? The answer (for me) is absolutely! The PC-BSD operating system truly changed my life. No more Windows, no more Linux, and all (okay most) of my hobbies intact. I replaced Photoshop with GIMP, Sony Music Studio with Ardour, and Dreamweaver with Bluefish. The transition from Windows to PC-BSD was fairly easy. Adapting to a new collection of programs and bugs was the hardest part, but didn't stop me from pursuing a Windowless lifestyle. I am not against commercial software, I just prefer to spend money on open source software, hardware, and video games. This is where Valve comes back into the picture.

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