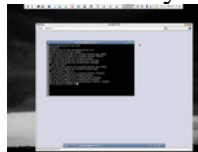


Value added equals useless bloat

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What is it with installing programs these days? Just about any program you wish to install comes with some useless so called value added junk which does nothing but use up computer resources and slow it down. Being a technical person I can of course easily remove or disable those extras but I really feel sorry for those who don't know any better.

I am not just talking about windows programs either. Linux distributions are also in my sights of ire. Thankfully, it is not so bad with Linux after it has been installed. What do I mean by these value added extras?

Being of the Open Source persuasion they are not susceptible to value added bloat as much as windows programs are. It is still there though and there are many web sites and blog articles dedicated to removing that bloat. Even I have written an article or two about it.

By bloat in the Linux context I am talking about how the most popular distributions are installed out of the box so to speak. They come pre-configured with a set of programs and services designed to run and do everything up to and including the kitchen sink.

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