NorhTec Gecko Edubook + Puppy Linux: That?s more like it

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The NorhTec Gecko Edubook is one of the most innovative netbooks around when it comes to hardware design. It runs on rechargeable AA batteries, making it easy to find replacements pretty much anywhere in the world. The OS and all the data is stored on an SD card, making it easy to upgrade. And the CPU and RAM are on a single chip which you can pop out and replace just as easily as changing a stick of RAM in most notebooks.

Taking a suggestion from the folks at NorhTec, today I tried tweaking Windows XP a bit by disabling system restore, and indexing features, and adjusting the theme and a few other elements to improve performance. Overall, this helped a bit. For instance, programs launched a little faster, and I could get some videos to play, although the audio and video were out of sync.

But overall Windows XP was still pretty annoying to use. Fortunately, I picked up an 8GB SD card with a version of Puppy Linux optimized for the Edubook at CES.

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