

Child's play

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Is getting people to convert to GNU/Linux like feeding your kids veges? I'm used to the feeling of smug satisfaction when I've slipped a couple of extra vegetables in a meal and the children haven't noticed.

Little do they know they're actually eating mushrooms, peppers, garlic, onion and probably carrot (all of which they claim they don't like). Blend it all in with the tomatoes and the mince beef; voila....sneaky vegetables (hee, hee). We've now had Ubuntu on the kids laptop for months and the kids haven't even noticed. They're happily playing away on their usual Cbeebies website and haven't noticed a change other than discovering there are more games on the puter than before.

This has made me contemplate how many people can I sneak this on to... successfully? The parents have to be next. My parents are from an era of getting married and having children young and so are still relatively young themselves. Old enough to be fairly stuck in their ways, but young enough that their fine motor skills and hand eye co-ordination are at 90% peak. I'm sure I could get them to make the change.

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