

Intense and thoughtful ranting from the OLPC front

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Ivan Krsti? has made his way into this blog before. As OLPC?s former director of security architecture and one closely involved with their Peru rollout, his posts offered great insights into just how the XO worked (or was supposed to work) on the backend.

Now he, like Walter Bender, has left OLPC and [posted one heck of a rant](#) [2] on Tuesday. Note that the language is a bit rough (Krsti? pulls no punches and is obviously angry, so this probably isn?t a site to share with your middle school computer classes; for the rest of us, it?s quite a read).

Krsti?, despite being able to run circles around most of us in all things computing, including Linux kernel programming, is no open source fundamentalist (as Nicholas Negroponte has called those who object to porting the Sugar user interface to Windows). However, here is his take on recent attention to Negroponte?s moves towards a Windows deployment:

OLPC should be philosophically pure about its own machines. Being a non-profit that leverages goodwill from a tremendous number of community volunteers for its success and whose core mission is one of social betterment, it has a great deal of social responsibility. It should not become a vehicle for creating economic incentives for a particular vendor.

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