

Dumber people can run Linux

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FOR A COUPLE of years now I've had the idea that I should migrate my mail server to Linux.

The mail server is Communicate, and it's running on Windows 2000. It's ultra-stable, that's not the problem. Truly. It **never** goes wrong except when I'm out of town. No, the reason to change is that there are some spam-filtering things called Razor and Pyzor that I could add to my installation of SpamAssassin that don't run on Windows. Or so the documentation I have here says.

So a couple of weeks ago I acquired an old Thinkpad and took a poll among my friends as to which GNU/Linux-type operating system I should put on it. It didn't necessarily, I said, have to be the easiest to install since I really only intended to install it once; it did need to be reliable. Fedora Core, said a couple. FreeBSD, said a couple of others. Solaris, said one. Ask a question like this in a room full of geeks, and you can get them all arguing among themselves. Fun!

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