

Why Linux is so great?

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I'm using Linux since 2001 and it still amazes me day by day. After trying Red Hat, Mandrake, Debian, SuSE and many other flavors (yes, I do have a bag full of Linux distros CDs) I have chosen Gentoo as my main focus. It could be any other distribution, but that's the advantage: you're like in a clothing store and you can try anything that fits your size and preferences. And, after taking it for free, you can still modify the product to fit better.

What do I had to fit? Firstly, a server. I needed a server to act as an access point for my local area network, but I needed something more flexible than a simple hardware router. And I needed to be cheap, as, at that time, I was still a student. So, I had a spare computer, very old, very poor (actually I have a lot of old computers, including a 286 at 16MHz from 1990). The computer was a Pentium I class with a 200 MHz processor, 64 MB of memory, 2 MB video card, PCI and ISA slots, all produced in 1995.

As everyone knows, the main concern regarding Internet connected systems is the security. My second concern was the speed of the server. Those two ruled out the option for Windows.

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