

today's leftovers

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When it comes to high tech, American companies dominate the Russian market and, perhaps not surprisingly, that doesn't sit well with the Russian government which would prefer to see homegrown offerings such as Yandex and Mail.ru get more market traction. The consequence, according to Bloomberg, is a plan by the Russian government to increase the taxes the American tech giants by 18 percent.



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Many Linux apps, regardless of whether they are written in Gtk or Qt, have beautiful design and are much more functional than their Windows counterparts. Examples include Rhythmbox, Brasero, Nautilus, and GNOME Desktop (please don't kill me). However, due to the Linux desktop not gaining majority market share, the people around the world who use computers are not getting the quality of software they deserve. And developers worldwide are not getting the audience they deserve.



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