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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 15:11:36 GMT

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Originally posted by: Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 16:08:58 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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Seems that every update kills one bug and creates three.

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Originally posted by: Robert Billing

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For the last two decades I have either been buying machines and at once replacing windows with linux, or buying machines with no OS from Novatech and installing Linux from cold. This works very well.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 17:03:32 GMT
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Because FreeBSD :)

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Steve O'Hara-Smith		Directable Mirror Arrays
C:\>WIN		A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins.		licences available see

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 17:11:13 GMT

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One place I worked I found that even machines that were idle, not being used, and other machines that had been redone so they had linux on them, were still required by contract to pay MS a fee of approximately \$100 per year per unit.

I had to go through my desktops and find which ones were no longer in use and turn them in for recycle so we could take them off the list of equipment. Thereby getting rid of that fee.

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 17:32:32 GMT

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John Savard

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 17:50:10 GMT

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)
\ / I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.
X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.
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<jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 18:11:39 GMT
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I find that Win 7 works better thsn Win 10. Seems to me that once MS got past Vista, the even numbered versions don't work well, whle the odd numbered versions do. Kinda like linux odd and even numbered versions.

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My bit or his ? Anyway, our costs dropped after we got rid of over 150 computers that weren't in use.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 21:17:33 GMT
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Originally posted by: terry-groups

On Monday, November 26, 2018 at 12:56:49 PM UTC-5, J. Clarke wrote:
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I have avoided Windows 10, so I've only seen / used it on other people's desktops. However...

Windows 95 was a definite improvement on Windows 3.x and it's glued-on-wart additions of Windows for Workgroups (integrated networking) and WIN32S (a preview of the 95 32-bit mode back-ported to 3.x). 95 had a number of things working against it, including a major change in hardware (Plug-n-play vs. jumpers, standardization of interface connectors, etc.) and a number of vendors who released not-ready-for-prime-time drivers using older development kits. By the time OEM Service Release 2 (OSR2) came around, it was pretty stable. And remember, back then MS had to get it (mostly) right "out of the box" - automatic updates were still a ways off.

As far as Windows XP, it is still supported by Microsoft if a) you are in certain embedded environments like PoS or ATMs, or pay them big \$\$\$ for patches they already created to meet their service commitments anyway. I just saw 9 XP patches in the 11/2018 monthly rollup. Regular patch service is scheduled to end with the 4/2019 monthly rollup, but may be extended.

I expect Windows 7 will receive the same type of extended support.

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Using UNIX since v6 (1975)...

Use the BIG mirror service in the UK:
<http://www.mirrorservice.org>

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Will Rant For Food

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 26 Nov 2018 23:53:15 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 26 Nov 2018 22:09:33 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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If anybody in a third-world country cares to recover data from
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of thing going on than the Be Very Afraid contingent would have us
believe.

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I thought XP was OK - not as good as OS/2, but usable. Wife had Vista on her laptop, and it wasn't as good as XP. Granddaughter has windows 10 on her laptop, and I think it's a piece of cr@p - it kept doing things to me that I didn't expect when I tried to use it. Linux is nice, I run Ubuntu/Mate, and it falls somewhere between OS/2 and XP in terms of usability.

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Or you discover that websites won't work with your version of FF, Chrome, or whatever, and the newer versions require a new OS.

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The problem with Wine (last I looked) is that it won't install software. I read that someone had a commercial version that would, but never looked at it.

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Pete

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Might better crash than corrupt your data.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 06:36:14 GMT

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There was a lot of bad hardware in that era, all the way down to the chipset level. I once interviewed (via a translator) the lead designer of a chipset and I asked why the previous chipset

(ISA) was rock-solid but their new ISA+VLB chipset had cache coherency problems which led to crashes (I was running BSD/OS) and he said "Because Windows won't stay up that long anyway". Non-Windows systems weren't even a blip on their sales forecasts.

That era also brought us "logic" (AKA "fake") parity memory, where it was cheaper to put a part on the SIMM to generate the parity bit on reads rather than install a 9th RAM chip for real parity support.

There was also the difference between gold lead and tin lead memory modules, where using the wrong modules would cause flaky memory (and in the case of gold lead modules in tin lead sockets, permanently damage the sockets by "stubbing their toes" on the much harder gold-on-copper pads instead of the solder pads).

Also, there was the COAST (Cache On A STick) debacle, where the cache and tag RAM went in an optional socket instead of being part of the motherboard, causing all sorts of signal integrity issues. That's one of the reasons Intel soldered the cache RAM onto the first Slot 1 CPU boards (later boards moved it onto the CPU die).

And of course Intel wasn't blame-free either, having given us the FDIV bug just before Windows 95 came out and the F00F bug shortly thereafter. Not to mention other nasties lurking in the then-secret errata and the infamous Appendix H.

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Maus@ireland.com
Will Rant For Food

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It makes you wonder sometimes...

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 12:06:12 GMT
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Only if they wanted to qualify for the deep discount, otherwise
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 13:38:45 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 27 Nov 2018 09:19:28 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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There was one weird situation that would develop occasionally--I never tracked down the cause. There were times during some process, I forget what now, in which Windows 95 would appear to freeze. If you kept moving the mouse though it would continue the process, so you had to row through it with the mouse. Didn't have to click anything, just move it back and forth.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 13:39:44 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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I'd take them back and tell them to fix what they had broken.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 13:41:31 GMT
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That was likely a requirement in order to get the deepest discount.
There's no such requirement just to purchase OEM Windows.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 13:46:58 GMT
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On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 03:38:06 -0800 (PST)
Robert Billing <robertthebilling@googlemail.com> wrote:

> It makes you wonder sometimes...
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> Rev 13:16
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The amazing thing about the bible is that you can find a quote

appropriate to any circumstance - of course you can say the same thing about Beatle's lyrics.

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Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 14:32:38 GMT
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I find Windows 10 reliable. Much more reliable than the previous version of Windows.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 18:48:59 GMT
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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)
\ / I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.
X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.
/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 20:40:27 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 20:42:05 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 21:33:14 GMT
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On Mon, 26 Nov 2018 18:53:15 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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You watching the rebooted MacGyver series

< <https://tvserieshub.tv/2018/11/10/macgyver-s03e07-savengers-hard-drive-dragonfly/> >?
;-)

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments

<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 22:30:16 GMT

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Originally posted by: Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 22:31:24 GMT
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Originally posted by: Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer

"J. Clarke" <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:duarvdd6vja472ihgqi4j5tc10eblvfa0t@4ax.com...
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The abuser is the loser.

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Tue, 27 Nov 2018 23:28:45 GMT
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I've read a little of that stuff.
Same double talk that is common today in fancy clothes.
For example, they use the term "substitutionary atonement".
But it's still nonsense.

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Dan Espen

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Since when does religion have observation, verification, correction,
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 00:34:53 GMT
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So how does that kool-aid taste?

The priesthood always convinces the ignorant that the priesthood has a monopoly on Truth. How do _you_ know that the Scientists aren't lying to you?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 00:36:04 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 18:32:36 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 00:48:55 GMT

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On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 3:28:29 PM UTC-7, Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer wrote:

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Godhead is light, nescience is darkness. Where there is Godhead, there is no nescience.

See: it isn't so simple that an assertion can conclude the argument.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 00:51:19 GMT

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John Savard

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 00:55:21 GMT

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That is not the point. The point is that the atheists are claiming that all religious people are ignorant. One of the many religious people out there with very solid educations would make mincemeat of them on a variety of topics not touching on religion at all.

Look at the current thread where some of them are having trouble getting their heads around the idea that everyone who the media hails as a Scientist is not and even if he or she is, they may well be outside of their field but their views are still taken as gospel by their worshippers.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 01:00:29 GMT
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<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-45715550>

But it is true that sometimes people use "science" to try to argue things that are beyond the ability of science to deal with.

Scientists have a faith, even if borne out by experience, that the laws of nature are consistent.

Ordinary people shouldn't be criticized for having faith in ideas like:

Human life does have a meaning and a purpose.

It matters how you treat the people around you.

I am here, experiencing my sensations, they're not just rattling around in a mechanism that responds to them by fixed laws without awareness - human consciousness is a real phenomenon, not explainable in mechanistic terms.

Science isn't equipped to answer the "big questions", even if it's much better at answering the questions it can answer than philosophy and religion have been with theirs. Science took the "easy" ones, even if most people wouldn't even call first-year calculus easy.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 01:22:21 GMT
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I certainly can't deny that. One very educated individual who is well known for having strong religious beliefs is the noted author J. R. R. Tolkien.

Some of the things said by people like Richard Dawkins certainly appear to be categorizing every person of faith as ignorant.

Of course, in our age of sound bites, sometimes nuances of phrasing get lost.

On the one hand, some of the more dogmatic and literalist forms of religion definitely do have their highest popularity in areas of lower general educational level. From the rural "Bible Belt" to the Islamic world there is plenty of that.

On the other hand, a simple statement that one believes the idea of the existence of God to be mistaken can be taken as an assertion that all religious believers are at least ignorant to some extent, or they wouldn't be wrong about this.

While there's room for a charitable interpretation in some cases, in others indeed there is... at the least, an attempt at attention-getting.

Also, those who have in the past experienced the consequences of bigotry from a dominant group may harbor bigotry of their own now against all the members of that group... that is unfortunate, but not surprising.

John Savard

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 01:44:53 GMT
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On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 08:38:45 -0500, J. Clarke
<jjclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

[snip]

> There was one weird situation that would develop occasionally--I never
> tracked down the cause. There were times during some process, I
> forget what now, in which Windows 95 would appear to freeze. If you
> kept moving the mouse though it would continue the process, so you had

> to row through it with the mouse. Didn't have to click anything, just
> move it back and forth.

Priority inversion? And moving the mouse caused one or more
interrupts which unstuck the problem? Or something similar.

[snip]

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 02:02:19 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 18:27:19 -0700, Peter Flass
<peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

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I don't know that it's too complex. From my viewpoint the problem is that the ice core data suggests that we are very near the point at which the triggering event for the change from warming to cooling occurs and the climate models just show continued warming ad infinitum. While that is a plausible outcome, I haven't heard of any of the models reflecting that trigger in any scenario, which says to me that the models are missing something that is likely very important.

Or, even worse, that the models are not missing it but the people promoting the models are burying it.

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 04:29:21 GMT
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John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 04:35:40 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

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So, now you've conceded that science and religion are completely different. Even opposites and you're asking a dumb question about how verification works.

Seriously, you must know better.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 05:08:05 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 20:29:21 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc
<jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

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Fine, sell it to the masses. Or get yourself elected dictator.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 05:16:08 GMT
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I have not conceded anything of the sort. It doesn't matter whether it's the Pope or Einstein, if people accept everything that comes out of his mouth without questioning, they are behaving as adherents of a religion. Most people today do not understand science, but they will accept whatever someone they believe to be a Scientist says regardless of whether it has been verified.

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> how verification works.

No, I am not asking how verification works, I am asking how you know that something that some particular medie-defined Scientist says has been verified.

> Seriously, you must know better.

You are now behaving like a religious person whose religion has been insulted, and yet you deny that it is your religion.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 05:56:12 GMT

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On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 22:30:16 -0000

"Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer" <no.email@thankyou.invalid> wrote:

> Sceince means knowledge, the oppositeof ignorance.

No! The scientific method is primarily a tool for identifying and rejecting incorrect theories about the world. Science is about applying that method repeatedly in an attempt to build models of the world that cannot be falsified.

No scientist has yet been able to falsify the statement "There is a god" - if I am wrong in this please cite the peer reviewed paper in which the non-existence of deities is demonstrated, failing that a paper in which the non-existence of any deity is demonstrated.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith		Directable Mirror Arrays
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The computer obeys and wins.		licences available see
You lose and Bill collects.		http://www.sohara.org/

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 07:18:35 GMT

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On 2018-11-28, Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

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> breeders.

I suspect the problem isn't so much breeder reactors as breeder _people_.

But the consequences of unconstrained growth are things that many people

don't dare allow themselves to think about.

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)

\ / I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.

X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.

/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 07:20:35 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 27/11/2018 11:12, Andrew Swallow wrote:

> This is the trick that allowed Microsoft to become the biggest software
> firm in the world. Computer hardware manufactures that sold ****any****
> computers using Windows had to pay licence fees for ****all**** computers
> they sold.

You can apply to the seller and get your money back for the
pre-installed windows if you did not want it.

Some sellers do not make it easy but it is possible, at least under
European law it is.

In my wife's workplace they upgraded all the desktops to newer and
faster machines that all came with Win 7. They then wiped the drive and
installed XP Pro on them thus paying for windows twice.

One enterprising person went round all the PCs and peeled off the
licence stickers and started selling them on eBay. He made a lot of
money before he was found out and sacked.

Andy

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 07:29:50 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 27/11/2018 13:01, Huge wrote:

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> that occurred 200 years before it was written in the first place.
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> Especially given that people can't even get well-documented events right
> that only occurred 30 or 40 years ago.

Some regard it as a historical document but history is commonly regarded as the version of events that we all (mostly) agree on. Usually the majority agree on it because the potential dissenters were wiped out in whatever battle was recorded in the account.

"History is written by the winners"

Andy

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 07:44:10 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 27/11/2018 09:19, maus wrote:

> My sone used collect dumped computers, never found anything worthwhile
> on them, One had a start of a Novel, very Lurid.

I used to volunteer at a charity that took old computers and either scrubbed them of personal data or, in the case of much older machines, stuck lightweight linux on them and offered them to people who otherwise could not afford a computer.

We sometimes saw a lot of scary stuff on the drives usually *ahem* 'artful' photos but never banking passwords.
On a couple of occasions we had to call the police.

Being a bit of a geek I am usually the unpaid tech support for friends and relatives and people I vaguely know. I have found candid photos of a friend of a friend and his wife and some of their special friends on a

passworded account while trying to recover data and photos from a crashed drive.

He assumed that the passworded account was secure but HTFS passwording only works in windows, linux just ignores it and it is easy to do a whole disk scan and recover all the jpgs on an overnight run and then delete the system pictures and icons later.

I binned the photos and never said a word to him. I may have blushed on next bumping into his wife. But whatever 2 or up to 8 consenting adults get up to in the privacy of their own home is nothing to do with me.

Actually I had similar when asked to recover accidentally deleted photos from an SD card. He managed to delete all his holiday snaps by accident so I recovered them and some photos just for personal use that were on the card too.

You never had this trouble in the days of polaroids.

Andy

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 07:53:12 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 27/11/2018 21:33, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

> On Mon, 26 Nov 2018 18:53:15 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> If anybody in a third-world country cares to recover data from
>> uncleaned hard drives. I suspect that there's a lot less of that sort
>> of thing going on than the Be Very Afraid contingent would have us
>> believe.

>

> You watching the rebooted MacGyver series

> < <https://tvserieshub.tv/2018/11/10/macgyver-s03e07-savengers-hard-drive-dragonfly/>>?

We just have S2 in the UK.

I liked the original because (at least in the early episodes) there was real science involved. This new series is a lot of diving into the junk pile and making a deus-ex-machina, sometimes he makes a thing from junk that does not exist in real life.

That or it takes 5 seconds to hack military grade encryptions into a system in a foreign language to re-task a satellite to do a job.

On an iphone.

In the back of a moving truck.

On a dirt road.

Under machine gun fire.

It is tending toward the star trek "send a stream of Xion radiation in a feedback pulse through the main deflector dish" universal get-out-of-trouble technique.

This may be my last series.

Andy

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Science exists to prove itself wrong and to rewrite its source material to reflect the new way of thinking.

Religion exists to prove that it was correct all along and to keep the source material intact.

Andy

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 08:03:19 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 00:36, J. Clarke wrote:

- > So how do you know that the Scientist who is holding forth has
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Because when a scientist has a new idea he or she will post that idea in a peer reviewed journal where other people will try to replicate their results and post those results.

If the results are independently verified then the idea is debated and accepted. Further debate can happen over the cause of the demonstrated effect.

Otherwise, in the event of failing to verify the result a debate ensues to find out what the matter is. Sometimes it a an error on the part of those trying to independently verify and the process is refined until it is clear that it works or does not.

If the results cannot be replicated the idea is rejected (see Pons and Fleishmann).

Sometimes a long held belief is challenged in the light of new discoveries and it is either rejected or amended (eg Newton's Laws)

Science is a verification process not a belief.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 09:07:06 GMT
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On 2018-11-27, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
> On 27 Nov 2018 18:48:59 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
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Both _so_ yesterday. Aquinas believed that life started when the baby moved, and he is the base of so much Catholic doctrine. I like Augustine's idea (wasn't it?) that declared it was better to marry than to burn.

Those writers in the early church are fun to read, if you had the time. Their fanatical hatred of other sects is very amusing.

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Maus@ireland.com
Will Rant For Food

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 09:11:26 GMT
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In our own area (remember?) Donald Knuth is an elder, I think, of the
Luthern Church.

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> On 27/11/2018 21:33, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

>> On Mon, 26 Nov 2018 18:53:15 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>

>>> If anybody in a third-world country cares to recover data from
>>> uncleaned hard drives. I suspect that there's a lot less of that sort
>>> of thing going on than the Be Very Afraid contingent would have us
>>> believe.

>>

>> You watching the rebooted MacGyver series

>> < <https://tvserieshub.tv/2018/11/10/macgyver-s03e07-savengers-hard-drive-dragonfly/>>?

>

> We just have S2 in the UK.

> I liked the original because (at least in the early episodes) there was

> real science involved. This new series is a lot of diving into the junk

> pile and making a deus-ex-machina, sometimes he makes a thing from junk

> that does not exist in real life.

>

> That or it takes 5 seconds to hack military grade encryptions into a

> system in a foreign language to re-task a satellite to do a job.

> On an iphone.

> In the back of a moving truck.

> On a dirt road.

> Under machine gun fire.

>

> It is tending toward the star trek "send a stream of Xion radiation in a

> feedback pulse through the main deflector dish" universal

> get-out-of-trouble technique.

>

> This may be my last series.

>

> Andy

>

My favourite was the 'A Team', in almost every episode, Mr. T would weld thin sheet steel around a 'soft' vehicle, which would cause bullets to bounce off.

In real life, as an experimient, two of us tried shooting an engine block with a .22 magnum rifle, pick your spot, about 1" above the sump, bullet will go right through.

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Will Rant For Food

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 09:29:24 GMT
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On 2018-11-28, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 27/11/2018 11:12, Andrew Swallow wrote:
>> This is the trick that allowed Microsoft to become the biggest software
>> firm in the world. Computer hardware manufactures that sold ****any****
>> computers using Windows had to pay licence fees for ****all**** computers
>> they sold.
>
> You can apply to the seller and get your money back for the
> pre-installed windows if you did not want it.
> Some sellers do not make it easy but it is possible, at least under
> European law it is.
>
> In my wife's workplace they upgraded all the desktops to newer and
> faster machines that all came with Win 7. They then wiped the drive and
> installed XP Pro on them thus paying for windows twice.
>
> One enterprising person went round all the PCs and peeled off the
> licence stickers and started selling them on eBay. He made a lot of
> money before he was found out and sacked.
>
> Andy

Sacked?? Was this a financial place?. I'd make him chairman!..

Who on earth would buy such things?.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 09:33:16 GMT
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On 2018-11-28, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 27/11/2018 13:01, Huge wrote:
>> On 2018-11-27, Robert Billing <robertthebilling@googlemail.com> wrote:
>>>> This is the trick that allowed Microsoft to become the biggest software
>>>> firm in the world. Computer hardware manufactures that sold ****any****
>>>> computers using Windows had to pay licence fees for ****all**** computers
>>>> they sold.
>>>

>>> It makes you wonder sometimes...
>>>
>>> Rev 13:16 It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free
>>> and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,
>>> 17 so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark,
>>
>> It surely does. It makes me wonder about the relevance of a 400 y/o
>> translation of a book heavily revised 1700 years ago concerning events
>> that occurred 200 years before it was written in the first place.
>>
>> Especially given that people can't even get well-documented events right
>> that only occurred 30 or 40 years ago.
>
> Some regard it as a historical document but history is commonly regarded
> as the version of events that we all (mostly) agree on. Usually the
> majority agree on it because the potential dissenters were wiped out in
> whatever battle was recorded in the account.
>
> "History is written by the winners"
>
> Andy
>
>

I have always like the story of the Reformation in Basle (Swiss).
Both sides decided to fight it out, and assembled in a field outside the
city, then a man went along and counted. There were more reformers, so
Basle reformed. I don't know if the above is true, but it seems sensible.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 09:41:18 GMT
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On 2018-11-28, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
> On 27/11/2018 09:19, maus wrote:
>> My sone used collect dumped computers, never found anything worthwhile
>> on them, One had a start of a Novel, very Lurid.
>
> I used to volunteer at a charity that took old computers and either
> scrubbed them of personal data or, in the case of much older machines,
> stuck lightweight linux on them and offered them to people who otherwise
> could not afford a computer.

>
> We sometimes saw a lot of scary stuff on the drives usually *ahem*
> 'artful' photos but never banking passwords.
> On a couple of occasions we had to call the police.
>
> Being a bit of a geek I am usually the unpaid tech support for friends
> and relatives and people I vaguely know. I have found candid photos of a
> friend of a friend and his wife and some of their special friends on a
> passworded account while trying to recover data and photos from a
> crashed drive.
> He assumed that the passworded account was secure but HTFS passwording
> only works in windows, linux just ignores it and it is easy to do a
> whole disk scan and recover all the jpgs on an overnight run and then
> delete the system pictures and icons later.
> I binned the photos and never said a word to him. I may have blushed on
> next bumping into his wife. But whatever 2 or up to 8 consenting adults
> get up to in the privacy of their own home is nothing to do with me.
>
> Actually I had similar when asked to recover accidentally deleted photos
> from an SD card. He managed to delete all his holiday snaps by accident
> so I recovered them and some photos just for personal use that were on
> the card too.
>
> You never had this trouble in the days of polaroids.
>
> Andy
>
>

++

In the days of the BBS's, I used one occasionally, the operator seemed an ordinary guy. You remember the BBS's?. You were shown a screen with a line of possible keypresses, which would bring you to the mail system, etc.

It was fun sometimes to find what other keypresses did. On that BBS, one brought you to a section with what I considered unacceptable photo's. What to do?. It was based in another jurisdiction, so I didn't do anything.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 10:21:17 GMT
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Originally posted by: Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer

"J. Clarke" <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:olorvdlchdhoki06iu1ip79ucto116385@4ax.com...
> On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 18:32:36 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
> wrote:
>
>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
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>>> On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 15:06:12 -0000, "Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer"
>>> <no.email@thankyou.invalid> wrote:
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>>>> "Huge" <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote in message
>>>> news:g64ti7Fgt56U2@mid.individual.net...
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>>>> > translation of a book heavily revised 1700 years ago concerning events
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>>>> >
>>>>
>>>> It's all make-believe.
>>>>
>>>> One hears of children with imaginary friends and it is surprising to
>>>> encounter
>>>> grown-ups who live in the world of make believe.
>>>>
>>>> Religion is another word for ignorance and as science progresses,
>>>> ignorance
>>>> and its alter ego, religion, retreats.
>>>
>>> Religion does not retreat, it metamorphoses. Right now the religion
>>> of Scientism is taking over from Christianity, Islam, etc. The high
>>> priests of Scientism are people who are proclaimed as Scientists and
>>> the rank and file will believe any line of bullshit that comes out of
>>> their mouths and answer any questioning of that bullshit with "but you
>>> aren't a Scientist so why should anybody answer your question?"
>>
>> You are making less sense than usual.
>>
>> Since when does religion have observation, verification, correction,
>> provisional theories?
>
> So how do you know that the Scientist who is holding forth has
> actually applied any of that?

So how do you know that the bishop / rabbi / imam / shaman who is

holding forth has actually applied any of that, or is he or she being ridiculous in having taken on someone else's make believe to replace his or her's own?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 10:26:03 GMT
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Originally posted by: Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer

"Quadibloc" <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote in message
news:60234aeb-103e-41de-b84f-2acaff744f63@googlegroups.com...
> On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 3:28:29 PM UTC-7, Gareth's Jim's Advent
> Computer wrote:
>
>> Sceince means knowledge, the oppositeof ignorance.
>
> Godhead is light, nescience is darkness. Where there is Godhead, there is
> no nescience.
>
> See: it isn't so simple that an assertion can conclude the argument.

That's the way of make believe; anything you want can be true.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 10:50:41 GMT
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On 2018-11-28, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
> On 2018-11-28, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
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>
> And as you should well know, proving non-existence is not possible. It's
> up to the deists to demonstrate the existence of their sky fairy, and
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> imaginary friends beyond childhood.
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"They are going on a short pilgrimage to a local (Muslim) saints well."

The same thing happens here, its called a 'pattern' in some areas.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 12:05:31 GMT
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On 28 Nov 2018 09:56:30 GMT
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Proving non-existence can be simple, one way is to show that assuming existence implies a conclusion which is demonstrably false.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith		Directable Mirror Arrays
C:\>WIN		A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins.		licences available see
You lose and Bill collects.		http://www.sohara.org/

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Roger Blake](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 12:40:34 GMT
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On 2018-11-28, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
> I suspect the problem isn't so much breeder reactors as breeder _people_.
> But the consequences of unconstrained growth are things that many people
> don't dare allow themselves to think about.

Yes, according to the eminent scientists behind the original book "The Limits To Growth" we are going to be facing world-wide famine, exhaustion of oil and most other natural resources, and total environmental collapse by the year 2000 if Drastic Action Is Not Taken By Governments Right Now.

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Roger Blake (Posts from Google Groups killfiled due to excess spam.)

NSA sedition and treason -- <http://www.DeathToNSAthugs.com>
Don't talk to cops! -- <http://www.DontTalkToCops.com>
Badges don't grant extra rights -- <http://www.CopBlock.org>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 13:18:14 GMT
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Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
> On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 5:55:22 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:
>> The point is that the atheists are claiming
>> that all religious people are ignorant. One of the many religious
>> people out there with very solid educations would make mincemeat of

>> them on a variety of topics not touching on religion at all.
>
> I certainly can't deny that. One very educated individual who is well known for
> having strong religious beliefs is the noted author J. R. R. Tolkien.
>
> Some of the things said by people like Richard Dawkins certainly appear to be
> categorizing every person of faith as ignorant.
>
> Of course, in our age of sound bites, sometimes nuances of phrasing get lost.
>
> On the one hand, some of the more dogmatic and literalist forms of religion
> definitely do have their highest popularity in areas of lower general
> educational level. From the rural "Bible Belt" to the Islamic world there is
> plenty of that.
>
> On the other hand, a simple statement that one believes the idea of the
> existence of God to be mistaken can be taken as an assertion that all religious
> believers are at least ignorant to some extent, or they wouldn't be wrong about
> this.
>
> While there's room for a charitable interpretation in some cases, in others
> indeed there is... at the least, an attempt at attention-getting.
>
> Also, those who have in the past experienced the consequences of bigotry from a
> dominant group may harbor bigotry of their own now against all the members of
> that group... that is unfortunate, but not surprising.
>

Likewise the arguments among Christian groups in the middle ages. If your neighbor believes differently from you, is that a reason to burn him at the stake? Of course, it appears that the conflict was largely political, with religious differences proxies for political differences, so the ruling group felt threatened enough to go with the executions.

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Pete

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 13:18:15 GMT
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Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
> On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 6:27:21 PM UTC-7, Peter Flass wrote:
>> Now I just read (again) research showing that
>> "global warming" is feeding more fresh water into the Atlantic, which is
>> weakening the "conveyer belt" current - forget the name -
>

- > Through weakening the thermohaline, it could disrupt the Gulf Stream.
- >
- > Point is, if current science can't prove it's safe to put vast quantities of
- > carbon dioxide into the atmosphere - don't do it.
- >
- > It's not like we don't have an alternative. We can produce plentiful energy
- > through atomic power - particularly with breeder reactors, including thorium
- > breeders.

I think most developed countries are getting cleaner. Ricardo's dead hand is pushing a move from oil and coal to natural gas - not great, but better. I agree we need to push nukes more until fusion comes on line. IMO solar has limited uses, but wind power is a boondoggle that is now killing too many birds.

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Pete

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 13:45:09 GMT
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Originally posted by: Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer

"Ahem A Rivet's Shot" <steveo@eircom.net> wrote in message
news:20181128120531.20a168115afa4852b56fd146@eircom.net...
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 14:20:35 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 28 Nov 2018 09:11:26 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-11-28, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>> On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 16:51:19 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc
>> <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
>>
>>> On Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 1:42:05 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:
>>>
>>>> I would really love to see one of these johnny-come-lately atheists go
>>>> head to head with an "ignoramus" like Aquinas or Augustin.
>>>
>>> While Aquinas or Augustine would indeed be more impressive intellectual opponents
>>> than the Evangelicals and Fundamentalists today who put up videos showing how they
>>> "made mincemeat" out of atheists, even they could not prove that God existed - there were
flaws, if subtle ones, in the logic of their attempts to do so.
>>
>> That is not the point. The point is that the atheists are claiming
>> that all religious people are ignorant. One of the many religious
>> people out there with very solid educations would make mincemeat of
>> them on a variety of topics not touching on religion at all.
>>
>> Look at the current thread where some of them are having trouble
>> getting their heads around the idea that everyone who the media hails
>> as a Scientist is not and even if he or she is, they may well be

>> outside of their field but their views are still taken as gospel by
>> their worshippers.
>
> In our own area (remember?) Donald Knuth is an elder, I think, of the
> Luthern Church.

And it's widely forgotten that Newton himself, without whom this thing we call "science" today would still be regarded as mystical weirdness, would rather have been known for his contributions to theology. For him physics was just a sideline.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 14:33:09 GMT
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On 28 Nov 2018 09:07:06 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-11-27, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>> On 27 Nov 2018 18:48:59 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
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>
> Both _so_ yesterday. Aquinas believed that life started when the baby
> moved, and he is the base of so much Catholic doctrine. I like Augustine's
> idea (wasn't it?) that declared it was better to marry than to burn.
>
> Those writers in the early church are fun to read, if you had the time.
> Their fanatical hatred of other sects is very amusing.

You see what you did there, you picked a couple of ideas that most people will disagree with and on that basis dismissed whole extensive bodies of work and their authors.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 14:38:51 GMT
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One way that people like Huge fail is by arguing that a deity is an
"imaginary friend". In most Christian doctrine he is not your
friend. He's an impartial, all-seeing, all-knowing judge with worse
punishments to hand out than any human can imagine.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 14:39:47 GMT
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Or has a plan that we don't understand. Or is engaging in tough love.
>

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 14:54:18 GMT
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> Because when a scientist has a new idea he or she will post that idea in

> a peer reviewed journal where other people will try to replicate their

> results and post those results.

> If the results are independently verified then the idea is debated and

> accepted. Further debate can happen over the cause of the demonstrated

> effect.

>

> Otherwise, in the event of failing to verify the result a debate ensues

> to find out what the matter is. Sometimes it a an error on the part of

> those trying to independently verify and the process is refined until it

> is clear that it works or does not.

>

> If the results cannot be replicated the idea is rejected (see Pons and

> Fleishmann).

>

> Sometimes a long held belief is challenged in the light of new

> discoveries and it is either rejected or amended (eg Newton's Laws)

>

> Science is a verification process not a belief.

Now we know that you can regurgitate the high school definition of science. I am not talking about science. I am talking about Science. Look up the word "scientism". This is where our society is headed.

For a good but no longer accessible example of this, you could have read the discussion on IMDB of "Interstellar" in which many people were dismissive of Kip Thorne and would cite Neil deGrasse Tyson as a counterauthority. Tyson is presented to us by the media as a Scientist, while few people outside the physics world have heard of Kip Thorne. The thing is Thorne wrote the book on General Relativity (literally, he's one of three co-authors of what was for a very long time the standard text) and was recently awarded a Nobel. Tyson barely struggled through his doctorate and hasn't done anything since except run a planetarium and become a darling of the media.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 14:56:47 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Wed, 28 Nov 2018 10:21:17 -0000, "Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer"
<no.email@thankyou.invalid> wrote:

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> news:olorvdlchdhoki06iu1ip79ucto116385@4ax.com...
>> On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 18:32:36 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
>> wrote:
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>>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
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>>>> On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 15:06:12 -0000, "Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer"
>>>> <no.email@thankyou.invalid> wrote:
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>>>> >One hears of children with imaginary friends and it is surprising to
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>>>> their mouths and answer any questioning of that bullshit with "but you
>>>> aren't a Scientist so why should anybody answer your question?"
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>>> You are making less sense than usual.
>>>
>>> Since when does religion have observation, verification, correction,
>>> provisional theories?
>>
>> So how do you know that the Scientist who is holding forth has
>> actually applied any of that?
>
> So how do you know that the bishop / rabbi / imam / shaman who is

> holding forth has actually applied any of that, or is he or she being
> ridiculous in having taken on someone else's make believe to
> replace his or her's own?

Nobody has asserted that we should believe them on that basis, so whether they have is irrelevant. The assertion is that we should believe a Scientist on that basis, so how do we know that for the particular Scientist in question, on the particular topic on which he is pontificating, that basis is sound?

>

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 14:59:45 GMT
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On 28 Nov 2018 07:18:35 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-11-28, Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
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>> Through weakening the thermohaline, it could disrupt the Gulf Stream.
>>
>> Point is, if current science can't prove it's safe to put vast quantities of
>> carbon dioxide into the atmosphere - don't do it.
>>
>> It's not like we don't have an alternative. We can produce plentiful energy
>> through atomic power - particularly with breeder reactors, including thorium
>> breeders.
>
> I suspect the problem isn't so much breeder reactors as breeder _people_.
> But the consequences of unconstrained growth are things that many people
> don't dare allow themselves to think about.

But we don't _have_ unconstrained growth. It is fairly well established that once a certain standard of living is achieved the birthrate declines to below the replacement level. Several societies have reached that point already.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 15:03:43 GMT
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>> through atomic power - particularly with breeder reactors, including thorium
>> breeders.
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> I think most developed countries are getting cleaner. Ricardo's dead hand
> is pushing a move from oil and coal to natural gas - not great, but better.
> I agree we need to push nukes more until fusion comes on line. IMO solar
> has limited uses, but wind power is a boondoggle that is now killing too
> many birds.

Solar isn't squeaky clean in that regard either. Ivanpah kills
anywhere from a few hundred to a few thousand birds every year,
depending on whether you believe a scientist or a Scientist.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 15:05:20 GMT
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> pre-installed windows if you did not want it.
> Some sellers do not make it easy but it is possible, at least under
> European law it is.
>
> In my wife's workplace they upgraded all the desktops to newer and
> faster machines that all came with Win 7. They then wiped the drive and
> installed XP Pro on them thus paying for windows twice.

Why would they pay twice? A Windows 7 license is also an XP license.

< https://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/windows_10-windows_install-winpc/how-to-windows-10-pro-oem-downgrade-to-windows-7/bc9a437f-72cc-4fc0-9ac8-a4bb0d04cae5>

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> licence stickers and started selling them on eBay. He made a lot of
> money before he was found out and sacked.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 15:11:11 GMT
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On 28 Nov 2018 09:29:24 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>> money before he was found out and sacked.
>>
>> Andy
>
> Sacked?? Was this a financial place?. I'd make him chairman!..

It's an easy way to get shut down by Microsoft's lawyers.

> Who on earth would buy such things?.

People who are cheap.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 15:13:15 GMT
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On Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:20:35 AM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:

> And it's widely forgotten that Newton himself, without whom this thing
> we call "science" today would still be regarded as mystical weirdness,
> would rather have been known for his contributions to theology. For

> him physics was just a sideline.

Hey, Bobby Fischer played really good chess, but that didn't prevent him from having _his_ faults.

Isaac Newton also dabbled in alchemy, but that doesn't help the credibility of alchemy.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 15:36:03 GMT

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news:hq9tvdttgddiggqnf419v4u3pssbp4bqepn@4ax.com...

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>>>> the non-existence of deities is demonstrated, failing that a paper in
>>>> which

>>>> the non-existence of any deity is demonstrated.

>>>

>>> And as you should well know, proving non-existence is not possible. It's
>>> up to the deists to demonstrate the existence of their sky fairy, and
>>> until they do, I shall continue to point and laugh at those who have
>>> imaginary friends beyond childhood.

>>>

>>>

>>

>> Driving along the road in Syria, we came on a group of people walking

>> along.
>> What's going on, I asked the guide (dragoman).
>>
>> "They are going on a short pilgrimage to a local (Muslim) saints well."
>>
>> The same thing happens here, its called a 'pattern' in some areas.
>
> One way that people like Huge fail is by arguing that a deity is an
> "imaginary friend". In most Christian doctrine he is _not_ your
> friend. He's an impartial, all-seeing, all-knowing judge with worse
> punishments to hand out than any human can imagine.

.... and all equally imaginary.

As I said, when you live in the world of make believe, anything you want can be true.

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Or is a figment of the imagination of certifiable loonies.

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Religion exists to benefit religionists

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Since the stating with which you are disagreeing is that Science is
becoming another religion, that is a non-sequitur.

>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 16:13:10 GMT

Originally posted by: JimP

On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 15:42:05 -0500, J. Clarke

<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>
>> I'm not so sure about that. Ignorance seems to be making some
>> progress of its own these days. (At least I think it is -
>> let me google that to make sure...)

>
> I would really love to see one of these johnny-come-lately atheists go
> head to head with an "ignoramus" like Aquinas or Augustin.

The only problem I can see with that is if those two guys lose, or
feel they have lost, there is an autodafe' in the near future.

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Nice try - you need to work to establish the logical connection.

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Even granting the connection and supposing that these do not apply

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You have at best perhaps removed 'loving' from the specification.
You'd probably have a better shot at rigor if you went after omnipotent or omniscient.

If you want a proof you can't leave any holes to wriggle through,
this attempt has holes big enough for aircraft carriers.

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That one you have to prove.

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>> Science does have a lot of authority thanks to its real successes in explaining
>> the Universe, leading to technological products arising from its findings.

>>

>> When it comes to global warming, science is talking about the physical world,
>> which is within its competence, and is doing so according to its procedures. And
>> the consequences of our failure to do something to stop it are becoming evident
>> now:

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>> <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-45715550>

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> age. This stuff is too complex for current science to handle.

Depends on what documentaries you watch. I have seen a few who do point out that significantly large amounts of fresh water would stop the gulf stream and cold current loop in the Atlantic from working. Its basically how warm water gets from the tropics to the Arctic. And prevents by doing so to keep England, Scotland, et al much warmer than they would be otherwise.

Other documentaires do ignore that.

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>>> Rev 13:16 It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free
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>> translation of a book heavily revised 1700 years ago concerning events
>> that occurred 200 years before it was written in the first place.
>>
>> Especially given that people can't even get well-documented events right
>> that only occurred 30 or 40 years ago.
>
> Some regard it as a historical document but history is commonly regarded
> as the version of events that we all (mostly) agree on. Usually the
> majority agree on it because the potential dissenters were wiped out in

> whatever battle was recorded in the account.
>
> "History is written by the winners"
>
> Andy

Unfortunately not always true. Southern authors wrote the most and first books on the US Civil War. You could get the impression from some of those books, stated by a Southern author in a documentary about said conflict, that the South had won.

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<https://xkcd.com/1818/>

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"The Gods, if they exist at all, live far away and care little of the affairs of men"

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Maus@ireland.com
Will Rant For Food

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Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 18:22:45 GMT
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Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> writes:

> No! The scientific method is primarily a tool for identifying and
> rejecting incorrect theories about the world. Science is about applying
> that method repeatedly in an attempt to build models of the world that
> cannot be falsified.
>
> No scientist has yet been able to falsify the statement "There is a

- > god" - if I am wrong in this please cite the peer reviewed paper in which
- > the non-existence of deities is demonstrated, failing that a paper in which
- > the non-existence of any deity is demonstrated.

protecting vested interests can happen in all sorts of places ... and "science" isn't totally immune ... not a failure of the methodology, but of the people

As undergraduate in 1968, I rewrote a lot of (virtual machine) CP67 at the university, including much of the virtual memory, paging, and page replacement algorithm. The page replacement algorithm was a kind of "global" LRU ("least recently used", most of which was picked up and shipped in the standard product. At the time, there was academic paper published in CACM ... on another kind of page replacement algorithm that was "local" LRU.

In the early 70s, the cambridge scientific center was running CP/67 on 768kbyte 360/67 (104 pageable pages after fixed memory requirements). Also in the early 70s, the grenoble scientific center modified their CP/67 to correspond with the 1968 CACM "local LRU" academic paper and ran on 1mbyte 360/67 (155 pageable pages after fixed memory requirements (and results published in CACM). I was provided detailed performance details from both the Cambridge and Grenoble systems. The Cambridge system with 75-80 users and better throughput and response than the Grenoble system with 35users (with 50% more pageable memory and half the users running similar workload profile as Cambridge users).

Role forward to SIGOPS (Asilomar, 14-16Dec81), Jim Gray (who I worked with at San Jose Research, bldg28, before he left for Tandem), asked me if I could help a Tandem co-worker get his Stanford PHD which involved "global" LRU ... and some of the players involved in the 1968 "local" LRU ... were lobbying Stanford heavily to not award the PHD. Jim was aware that I had the detailed CP/67 global/local LRU data from decade earlier Cambridge/Grenoble comparison.

Note however, SJR management prevented me for nearly a year from sending a resply, old archived response (even tho my original work had been done as undergraduate in 1968)

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2006w.html#email821019>

Late 70s and early 80s, I was blamed for online computer conferencing (precursor to modern social media) on the internal network (larger than arpanet/internet from just about the beginning until sometime mid-80s). Folklore is that when the corporate executive committee was told about online computer conferencing (and the internal network), 5of6 wanted to fire me. I hoped that SJR management thought preventing me from sending response was some sort of punishment for online computer conferencing rather than taking sides in the LRU academic dispute.

From IBMJargon (part of the online computer conferencing):

Tandem Memos - n. Something constructive but hard to control; a fresh of breath air (sic). That's another Tandem Memos. A phrase to worry middle management. It refers to the computer-based conference (widely distributed in 1981) in which many technical personnel expressed dissatisfaction with the tools available to them at that time, and also constructively criticised the way products were are developed. The memos are required reading for anyone with a serious interest in quality products. If you have not seen the memos, try reading the November 1981 Datamation summary.

.... snip ...

Later in the early 70s, I had done a variation on page replacement ... LRU has assumption that least recently used page is the least likely to be used in the near future ... so is best candidate for replacement. However, there can be pathological situation where that doesn't hold true ... even the least recently used page can be the most likely to be used next. The variation was to include some amount of random information, but when LRU is working well, the LRU information will dominate the random information. However, when LRU is working poorly, the random information starts to dominate (with the replacement algorithm switching from LRU replacement ... to approx. random replacement).

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virtualization experience starting Jan1968, online at home since Mar1970

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On 2018-11-28, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
> On 28 Nov 2018 09:29:24 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>> On 2018-11-28, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>>> On 27/11/2018 11:12, Andrew Swallow wrote:
>>>> This is the trick that allowed Microsoft to become the biggest software
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>>> You can apply to the seller and get your money back for the
>>> pre-installed windows if you did not want it.
>>> Some sellers do not make it easy but it is possible, at least under
>>> European law it is.
>>>
>>> In my wife's workplace they upgraded all the desktops to newer and
>>> faster machines that all came with Win 7. They then wiped the drive and
>>> installed XP Pro on them thus paying for windows twice.
>>>
>>> One enterprising person went round all the PCs and peeled off the
>>> licence stickers and started selling them on eBay. He made a lot of
>>> money before he was found out and sacked.
>>>

>>> Andy
>>
>> Sacked?? Was this a financial place?. I'd make him chairman!..
>
> It's an easy way to get shut down by Microsoft's lawyers.
>
>> Who on earth would buy such things?.
>
> People who are cheap.

I must get someone to produce stickers saying "I am an Idiot."

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)

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X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.

/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

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Posted by [scott](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 19:51:40 GMT

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> On 11/28/2018 8:38 AM, J. Clarke wrote:

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One way that people like you fail is by arguing about the noun and ignoring the adjective.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 19:52:46 GMT

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On 28 Nov 2018 18:21:19 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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Haven't seen any indication that he was interested in astrology. About a tenth of his written output is reported to be in alchemy. He did a good bit of textual criticism of the Bible, there's evidence that he rejected the notion of a Trinity, and there is reason to believe that his theological views were in conflict with the mainstream to a level that might constitute heresy.

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Shoot-to-wound only happens in stories and in the pipe dreams of
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>> <<https://tvserieshub.tv/2018/11/10/macgyver-s03e07-scavengers-hard-drive-dragonfly/>>?
>
> We just have S2 in the UK.

Why is that? Do they need to dub American English into British English.

"Come over here my friend." -> "Get bloody over here mate". ;-)

I understand that dubbing to a non-English language took time back
then. Regarding for example the UK series "The Professionals"
<[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Professionals_\(TV_series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Professionals_(TV_series))>, which
started late 1977 in the UK it took until 1981 to be aired in German and
even 1989 to be aired in France!

Such an iconic series, with a car jumping through a window during the
intro <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq4Ur9S15gQ>>.

Funny site note. I had a French exchange student over in Germany around

1982 and we were watching a German dubbed episode - on VCR. He didn't know it. Only a few years ago I figured that the series was not shown until twelve years later in France after the series originally aired in the UK. It must have looked very "way back in the past" considering it was first aired 1989 in France, showing 1977. Listen to the music of the URL I posted above. When you see and hear this first in 1989 - oh well. *g*

- > I liked the original because (at least in the early episodes) there
- > was real science involved. This new series is a lot of diving into the
- > junk pile and making a deus-ex-machina, sometimes he makes a thing
- > from junk that does not exist in real life.

I agree. It's an action series which sometimes involves Mac to use his Swiss Army Knife to do some cool stuff. I watch the reboot only when I'm really bored.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments
<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Wed, 28 Nov 2018 22:28:05 GMT

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On 2018-11-28, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

- > World electric consumption today is about 18 billion megawatts. So if
- > the same ratio applies that would be bird kill of about 360 billion
- > birds. The world estimate is around 300-400 billion birds. So
- > building enough solar to just meet the current electricity demand,
- > with no provision for other consumption that is current provided by
- > means other than electricity and with no provision for growth, you're
- > potentially wiping out birds.

"Hello there, I'm Newton Ames, talking to you on behalf of Monolithic Oil Corporation about today's energy situation. You know, if we all just sacrifice a little, we can pull together to beat the current problems of not enough energy - and Monolithic is doing its part by killing most of the birds that nest around our beautiful oil refineries. Birds eat up a lot of food, and as everyone knows, food takes energy to grow and prepare. So the fewer birds there are, the less energy will be wasted."

-- National Lampoon: That's Not Funny, That's Sick

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)
\/ I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.
X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.
/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 01:45:40 GMT
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re:
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#63> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

other "scientists" paid by vested interests, working to preserve the status quo; book about scientists paid to produce reports&studies some of the same scientists involved over the years with tobacco industry, "team b" russian military analysis, climate change, etc
<https://www.merchantsofdoubt.org/>
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merchants_of_Doubt_\(film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Merchants_of_Doubt_(film))

something similar as economy was crashing last decade, a wallstreet financial consultant recommending to put ("capture") as many prominent economists as possible on salary or retainer. Economists and the Powerful: Convenient Theories, Distorted Facts, Ample Rewards
<https://www.amazon.com/Economists-Powerful-Convenient-Distorted-Economics-ebook/dp/B01B4X4KOS/>

loc72-74: "Only through having been caught so blatantly with their noses in the troughs (e.g. the 2011 Academy Award -- winning documentary Inside Job) has the American Economic Association finally been forced to adopt an ethical code, and that code is weak and incomplete compared with other disciplines."

inside job
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inside_Job_\(2010_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inside_Job_(2010_film))

including prominent economist paid to testify in court on behalf of #1 on time's list of those responsible for economic mess
http://content.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,1877351_1877350_1877339,00.html

"merchant of doubt" posts
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/submisc.html#merchants.of.doubt>
"team B" posts
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/submisc.html#team.b>
economic mess posts
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/submisc.html#economic.mess>

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virtualization experience starting Jan1968, online at home since Mar1970

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Jon Elson](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 03:48:45 GMT
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Charlie Gibbs wrote:

> My machines run native Linux. For the times when I need Windows,
> I run a copy of XP under VirtualBox. In the unlikely event that
> I should ever have to run a program that needs the latest version
> of Windows, I'd look into Wine - or find another way of doing things.
> There's no way that W10 is ever going to infest any of my machines.
>

Yup, I fully agree. I have two virtual Windows systems installed under Virtual Box (XP and 7) to run certain apps that need them. Otherwise, I do all my day to day work under Linux, including web browsing and such stuff.

Jon

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Jon Elson](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 03:59:20 GMT
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Andrew Swallow wrote:

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I find Linux to be reliable. This desktop has been up for 515 continuous days, doing email, web browsing and various electronic design tasks.
(And, I don't have a UPS.)

Jon

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 04:37:58 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Wed, 28 Nov 2018 21:59:20 -0600, Jon Elson <elson@pico-systems.com>

wrote:

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One of my Windows servers was up continuously for about 3 years before
a week-long power outage took it down.

My current desktop doesn't do that well mainly because some of the
games I play can get it into a state where the game is holding the
screen buffer (this isn't a Windows issue, this is a "using umpteen
thousand CUDA cores" issue--not something the OS can fix other than by
preventing the game from loading at all) and the only convenient way
out is to reboot (I could log in from another system and kill the
process but it's easier to reboot than to go dig out a laptop). One of
these days I'm going to have to install a second monitor so I can kill
the process locally.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 07:50:37 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 09:26, maus wrote:

> My favourite was the 'A Team', in almost every episode, Mr. T would weld
> thin sheet steel around a 'soft' vehicle, which would cause bullets to bounce
> off.

I watched a TV series recently where the good guy opened a fridge door
and used it as a shield (inside facing the bad guy) while the bullets
dented the steel of the door out toward the good guy but never quite
broke through.

FFS!

If the steel in a fridge door were any thinner I would wrap it round the
turkey on Christmas day!

> In real life, as an experiment, two of us tried shooting an engine block with
> a .22 magnum rifle, pick your spot, about 1" above the sump, bullet will

> go right through.

Hardly surprising. Most sumps are non-load bearing or cast and brittle.
I think that my .22 long rifle could go through.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:03:59 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 09:41, maus wrote:

> In the days of the BBS's, I used one occasionally, the operator seemed
> an ordinary guy. You remember the BBS's?. You were shown a screen with
> a line of possible keypresses, which would bring you to the mail system,
> etc.

I recall using them in the days of 1200 baud dial up. I still use a
couple for nostalgia purposes using telnet.
If you are into amateur radio you can use digital modes to access BBS.

> It was fun sometimes to find what other keypresses did. On that BBS, one
> brought you to a section with what I considered unacceptable photo's.
> What to do?. It was based in another jurisdiction, so I didn't do
> anything.

I suspect that back then the police would not have a clue what to do.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:12:57 GMT
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On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 07:50:37 +0000
AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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Marginally more plausible than upturning the furniture to enable two people with hand guns to deal with a crowd of machine pistol wielding bad guys, or just running to avoid being hit by machine gun fire both of which are common film and TV invitations to autodarwination.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:20:46 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 13:45, Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer wrote:

> A loving creator god exists.
> Therefore there are no floods, earthquakes or volcanos.
> Therefore a loving creator god does not exist, or else has a very sick sense
> of humour.

I have read the bible a lot and once you get into some of the less commonly read stories then you start to wonder about the whole benign, loving god.

You also start to wonder about his judgement.

Lot, the only righteous man in 2 whole cities was so righteous that he offered his virgin daughter up for gang rape to a mob and then got drunk and fathered his own grandchildren with his own daughters.

"19:8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof."

"19:36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father."

Setting the bar for righteous quite low there.

I asked my bible study teacher about it and was admonished for reading off-piste and it was hand-waved away with "things were different back then"

I asked too many awkward questions and was asked to leave.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:21:23 GMT

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On Wed, 28 Nov 2018 23:37:58 -0500

J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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> a week-long power outage took it down.

At Yahoo! I finally retired some FreeBSD servers that hadn't been
rebooted in over seven years, I very much doubt they were the longest
running machines there.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:54:02 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 14:54, J. Clarke wrote:

- > Now we know that you can regurgitate the high school definition of
- > science. I am not talking about science. I am talking about Science.
- > Look up the word "scientism". This is where our society is headed.

As a graduate in physics (just for full disclosure I also hold degrees in electronics, maths and computing and I am staring on in classics*) I would hope I could do more than just regurgitate a high school definition.

* Up front disclosure as I have meandered into various areas in a thread and been accused of 'conveniently' making up qualifications when required.

You are introducing a whole new definition of a word "Science". Please define it here completely so that we can debate otherwise it is not possible to debate when the definition gets shifted as the discussion progresses.
I have been here before. Lots of times.

- > For a good but no longer accessible example of this, you could have
- > read the discussion on IMDB of "Interstellar" in which many people
- > were dismissive of Kip Thorne and would cite Neil deGrasse Tyson as a
- > counterauthority. Tyson is presented to us by the media as a
- > Scientist, while few people outside the physics world have heard of
- > Kip Thorne. The thing is Thorne wrote the book on General Relativity
- > (literally, he's one of three co-authors of what was for a very long
- > time the standard text) and was recently awarded a Nobel. Tyson
- > barely struggled through his doctorate and hasn't done anything since
- > except run a planetarium and become a darling of the media.

So you cite a movie discussion forum where unqualified people argue about their interpretation of the work of two scientists who they most likely do not understand (I can follow a lot of Kip's work) as proof. and the best bit... the forum has been deleted?
What was the point of this?

A deleted discussion forum on a movie website is not a place for academic discussion. Peer reviewed journals and conferences are where appropriately qualified people debate is where science advances, not a movie forum.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 09:02:13 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 16:29, JimP wrote:

- > Unfortunately not always true. Southern authors wrote the most and
- > first books on the US Civil War. You could get the impression from
- > some of those books, stated by a Southern author in a documentary
- > about said conflict, that the South had won.

I would suggest that history is the weight of opinion over time that includes dissenting opinion. I think that history needs some distance time wise.

I think every country could cite lots of accounts after elections where all parties announce that they actually won even though they are not in power. After a few years then the other claims fade away and leave the actual winner.

In the UK (and I think the US) you can be in power while having fewer votes than an opponent. After any election you always get the we won because we have more MPs. We won because we got more votes than the party in power. We were winners made greater gains than anyone else.

Historically nobody cares about anything except who is in power.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 09:08:00 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 09:29, maus wrote:

- > Who on earth would buy such things?.

People who want a fully working windows for £5.
the same people who used to trawl markets looking for CDs of pirated software.

IIRC MS locked out the stolen serial numbers.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 09:12:01 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 20:51, JimP wrote:

- > On American Heroes Channel, it used to be the Military Channel, has
- > shown soldiers using a powered suit to move large heavy items. It was
- > on a simulated battlefield... so I don't know how useful it might be.
- >
- > I forget which nation, but there is work being done on a robot that
- > can make combat zone rescues of the wounded.

I'm sure that the prototype will be white with a big red cross.
The real income will be from green painted ones with hardpoints for heavy weapons.

Just because I am cynical does not make me wrong.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 09:15:02 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 28/11/2018 21:53, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

- > On Wed, 28 Nov 2018 07:53:12 +0000, AndyW wrote:
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- >> On 27/11/2018 21:33, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:
- >>> On Mon, 26 Nov 2018 18:53:15 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
- >>>>
- >>>> If anybody in a third-world country cares to recover data from
- >>>> uncleaned hard drives. I suspect that there's a lot less of that sort
- >>>> of thing going on than the Be Very Afraid contingent would have us
- >>>> believe.
- >>>
- >>> You watching the rebooted MacGyver series
- >>> < <https://tvserieshub.tv/2018/11/10/macgyver-s03e07-savengers-hard-drive-dragonfly/> >?
- >>
- >> We just have S2 in the UK.
- >
- > Why is that? Do they need to dub American English into British English.
- >
- > "Come over here my friend." -> "Get bloody over here mate". ;-)

The reason it is so late is that Dick van Dyke (the only US actor who can do a proper English accent) is a bit busy

- > I agree. It's an action series which sometimes involves Mac to use his
- > Swiss Army Knife to do some cool stuff. I watch the reboot only when I'm
- > really bored.

.....and they changed the theme tune. *sob*

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 09:19:53 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 29/11/2018 03:48, Jon Elson wrote:

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I have a special XP virtual machine just for Microsoft virus specialist scammers.

Do you have those in the US? Cold callers who pretend to be from MS saying you have a virus and offering to remote into your machine and fix it for a fee?

Soooooooooooo much fun watching them playing in a disposable VM and resetting it randomly, especially when their download hits 99% :-)

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 09:35:17 GMT
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On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 09:19:53 +0000
AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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I've heard of this but never encountered it in Ireland, I always thought it was a US phenomenon.

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Finally a good use for Windows.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 10:42:31 GMT

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On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:54:02 +0000

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I think his point is that for the majority of people the movie forum (and similar drivel) is what they believe and think of as 'Science' because it makes sense (to them) and the stuff in journals is incomprehensible nonsense and probably wrong if it contradicts what they misunderstand from what the media have misunderstood and misrepresented.

Sadly he is all too right but, using science for the field of study and Science for the widespread belief in movie forum drivel and the like is at best confusing even if the movie forum drivel is what most people think of as science.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 10:45:24 GMT

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On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 09:12:01 +0000

AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

- > I'm sure that the prototype will be white with a big red cross.
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- > heavy weapons.

What worries me is that they might be running code derived from that produced by the hair brained PHDs who taught a neural net to play Doom better than people.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [scott](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 13:50:48 GMT

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My longest uptime (a Sony Vaio laptop doing duty as an internet facing webserver) was just under 2000 days (a power outage got it; the laptop battery was too old to hold a significant charge).

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 13:53:08 GMT

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Jefferson had the right idea. There's a lot of good in the Bible,
surrounded by a lot of dross. He took a razor, sliced out the good stuff,
pasted it into a notebook, and tossed out the rest.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 14:36:55 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:54:02 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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Very good. You're the only one participating who seems to have recognized that I am not talking about a system of knowledge.

It is a system in which people believe everything that comes out of a Scientist's mouth, where a Scientist is someone who has convinced the media and the public that he or she is a Scientist, and that he or she may be contradicted only by another Scientist even it should be intuitively obvious to the most casual observer that he or she is full of crap. He or she may also be a scientist, but that is neither a necessary nor a sufficient qualification.

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No, they aren't discussing the work of either. They are discussing the movie and accepting Tyson's views on it as being authoritative even when another physicist who specializes in the field under discussion and is far more capable than Tyson contradicts him and gives the reasons.

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So? Ask the next 20 strangers you encounter if any of them regularly read a peer-reviewed journal, then ask them to identify the greatest living scientist and see what they say.

In the US there are 55,000 members of the American Physical Society but there are 150 million registered voters. The 55,000 have political power only to the extent that they can persuade the 150 million. If someone who is un- or poorly- qualified is adopted by the media and accepted by the public as the Face of Physics and he doesn't consult with the 55,000 then he can do a lot of damage. The same for all the sciences.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 15:40:20 GMT
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Seems like the scam in which somebody keeps one busy at the front door,
while their partner get in the back door and searches the place

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Will Rant For Food

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>> On American Heroes Channel, it used to be the Military Channel, has

>> shown soldiers using a powered suit to move large heavy items. It was

>> on a simulated battlefield... so I don't know how useful it might be.

>>

>> I forget which nation, but there is work being done on a robot that

>> can make combat zone rescues of the wounded.

>

> I'm sure that the prototype will be white with a big red cross.

Should make a good target.

> The real income will be from green painted ones with hardpoints for

> heavy weapons.

I remember reading somewhere that Brazil joined the Allies just before the end of WWII. after a while, their pilots had to have explained to them that a red cross did not mean, "Its ok to shoot this ambulance up."

>
> Just because I am cynical does not make me wrong.
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Bingo.

And not just support of what is genuine and valid science but also
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So if we need billions of megawatts of power, we will have to turn somewhere else. Thorium breeders are my recommendation while we're waiting for fusion.

John Savard

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You will "cheefully assume" that will you? In other words you're
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However there is evidence that what we are doing now may be doing enough environmental damage to actually represent a problem for society as a whole rather than mere heartburn to activists. That being the case, it would seem to be worthwhile to evaluate the environmental effects of the kinds of energy supply that the activists have been telling us are "safe" before we rush headlong into adopting those technologies and then find out that the cure is worse than the disease.

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An effective way to learn just about anything once you've reached a level that you can follow the arguments is to identify someone who is highly respected in the field, read his side of it, then find someone

who hates his guts but is also respected and read his side of it.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 20:23:37 GMT

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On 2018-11-29, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

> Jon Elson <elson@pico-systems.com> writes:

>

>> Andrew Swallow wrote:

>>

>>> I find Windows 10 reliable. Much more reliable than the previous version

>>> of Windows.

This probably says more about the previous version of Windows than it does about W10. Still, MS did have to beef up their reliability - all that downtime was interfering with their surveillance efforts.

>> I find Linux to be reliable. This desktop has been up for 515 continuous

>> days, doing email, web browsing and various electronic design tasks.

>> (And, I don't have a UPS.)

>

> My longest uptime (a Sony Vaio laptop doing duty as an internet facing
> webserver) was just under 2000 days (a power outage got it; the laptop
> battery was too old to hold a significant charge).

Years ago, I had an old laptop running Slack 7 that had been up for over a year before we had an extended power outage. Reluctantly, I did an orderly shutdown - and naturally, the power came back 30 seconds later.

In fact, I had already established this as a rule for estimating a program's runtime back in the mainframe days:

The time it takes a job to run is equal to the
time you are willing to wait, plus 30 seconds.

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I don't pick up the phone if I don't recognize the number that comes up on call display. People like this tend not to leave messages, so I hardly ever hear from them.

E-mail offers go straight into the bit bucket.

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> On 28/11/2018 09:26, maus wrote:

>

>> My favourite was the 'A Team', in almost every episode, Mr. T would weld
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>> off.

>

> I watched a TV series recently where the good guy opened a fridge door
> and used it as a shield (inside facing the bad guy) while the bullets
> dented the steel of the door out toward the good guy but never quite
> broke through.

>

> FFS!

>

> If the steel in a fridge door were any thinner I would wrap it round the
> turkey on christmas day!

Hey, don't underestimate fridges. Remember, Indiana Jones crawled into one and survived a nuclear blast.

(This led to the phrase "nuke the fridge" to describe any scene that is totally over the top, similar to the way "jump the shark" describes something that changes the storyline beyond redemption.)

>> In real life, as an experimenter, two of us tried shooting an engine block with
>> a .22 magnum rifle, pick your spot, about 1" above the sump, bullet will
>> go right through.

>

> Hardly surprising. Most sumps are non-load bearing or cast and brittle.
> I think that my .22 long rifle could go through.

In an aviation museum I saw a Merlin engine that had a neat rectangular hole in the lower part of the case where a connecting rod went through.

It's sort of like that part of the chase scene in The Blues Brothers where there's a loud clunk followed by oil spreading up the windshield:

Jake: What was THAT?

Elwood: We just threw a rod.

Jake: Is that bad?

Elwood: Yep.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments
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Posted by [scott](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 22:18:05 GMT
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nobody@example.org (Scott) writes:
> On Wed, 28 Nov 2018 14:58:40 -0500, J. Clarke
> <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> On Wed, 28 Nov 2018 18:22:55 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:
>>
>>> Well, there are lots of birds. I mean a *lot* of birds. A few thousand
>>> per year is completely uninteresting, lost in the noise. I bet
>>> windmills kill lots of mosquitos too. Nobody cries over dead
>>> mosquitos.
>>
>> Say the high end is right. 6000 a year for about 300 megawatts of
>> power.
>>
>> World electric consumption today is about 18 billion megawatts. So if
>> the same ratio applies that would be bird kill of about 360 billion
>> birds. The world estimate is around 300-400 billion birds. So
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 29 Nov 2018 23:13:46 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 29 Nov 2018 20:23:40 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-11-29, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>
>> On 28/11/2018 09:26, maus wrote:
>>
>>> My favourite was the 'A Team', in almost every episode, Mr. T would weld
>>> thin sheet steel around a 'soft' vehicle, which would cause bullets to bounce
>>> off.
>>
>> I watched a TV series recently where the good guy opened a fridge door
>> and used it as a shield (inside facing the bad guy) while the bullets
>> dented the steel of the door out toward the good guy but never quite
>> broke through.
>>
>> FFS!
>>
>> If the steel in a fridge door were any thinner I would wrap it round the
>> turkey on christmas day!
>
> Hey, don't underestimate fridges. Remember, Indiana Jones crawled into one

> and survived a nuclear blast.
>
> (This led to the phrase "nuke the fridge" to describe any scene that is
> totally over the top, similar to the way "jump the shark" describes something
> that changes the storyline beyond redemption.)
>
>>> In real life, as an experiment, two of us tried shooting an engine block with
>>> a .22 magnum rifle, pick your spot, about 1" above the sump, bullet will
>>> go right through.
>>
>> Hardly surprising. Most sumps are non-load bearing or cast and brittle.
>> I think that my .22 long rifle could go through.
>
> In an aviation museum I saw a Merlin engine that had a neat rectangular
> hole in the lower part of the case where a connecting rod went through.

In my garage at one time was a Toyota engine showing same. Never
bought another Toyota.

> It's sort of like that part of the chase scene in _The Blues Brothers_
> where there's a loud clunk followed by oil spreading up the windshield:
>
> Jake: What was THAT?
> Elwood: We just threw a rod.
> Jake: Is that bad?
> Elwood: Yep.

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On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 17:00:17 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
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This time though they've actually hit the conditions for breakeven in several experiments. Haven't put them all together though.

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I pointed this out to one of my physics professors who had 8 kids with more coming back in the '70s. His response was "you used the wrong kind of statistics". I replied, "OK, show me the right kind of statistics" which was met with silence.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX ^W Fusion power
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 01:16:53 GMT
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This whole thing about fusion being clean didn't sound right.
So, Google to the rescue:

<https://www.iaea.org/topics/energy/fusion/faqs>

The activation of the reactor's structural material by intense neutron fluxes is another issue. This strongly depends on what solution for blanket and other structures has been adopted, and its reduction is an important challenge for future fusion experiments.

So, fusion reactors may have the same issue fission reactors do, after a while, the whole building is radioactive and is filled with stuff with long half-lives. Best thing to do is abandon the site.

In the future our party balloons might be filled with reactor waste (He).

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 03:18:54 GMT
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For the moment, we can all still Stand on Zanzibar. But it would be close order drill, about 3.5 sq. ft. each.

Maybe we could move to Prince Edward Island where we'd have about 8 sq. ft. each, enough space to take a (rather crowded) nap on a 16" x 6' plot.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 07:58:44 GMT
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On 29 Nov 2018 22:32:51 GMT
Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

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As indeed did the humans in another one of Niven's works. Unlike the Puppeteers they didn't buy a planetary scale inertialess drive from the Outsiders but instead gravity dragged it behind a gas giant (Uranus IIRC) propelled by a fusion ramjet bouncing in and out of its atmosphere.

That might actually work, but the ocean sloshing would probably make the worst of global warming predictions seem positively desirable.

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Yep all the classic sums that prove that growth has a limit, but you can do the same sums starting with the first single celled organism doubling every 20 minutes and get the same absurd answers which haven't happened because there are indeed limits to growth and they cut in long before the extremes.

Human population is showing signs of flattening into a sigmoid rather than an exponential - which is what happens to many real things that

look exponential for a while - but it's not happening because we're all starving or have run out of room to live (OK cities are crowded but that's our choice not necessity we could easily spread out a bit more and be more comfortable). As far as anyone can tell it's happening because we've become too rich and comfortable to be bothered to breed.

When I was young it was common knowledge that we'd either blow ourselves back to the stone age (if we were lucky) or breed ourselves into starvation (probably before the end of the twentieth century). Like most common knowledge it was wrong, we're doing neither.

I expect the world a century from now will be richer, more comfortable and very strange by our standards just as our world is compared to that of 1918 and that world was compared to 1818.

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Takes too long. One pull and the problem is gone.

(I read things about Ruby. Some of the articles show amazing answers to questions that are so simple, and some me others are so obtuse)

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Maus@ireland.com
Will Rant For Food

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There is _no_ indication that global population is decreasing.

Population seems to be decreasing in Japan and parts of Europe. Just about everywhere else, including India and China, it is increasing.

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>>> Science. Look up the word "scientism". This is where our society is
>>> headed.
>>
>> As a graduate in physics (just for full disclosure I also hold degrees
>> in electronics, maths and computing and I am staring on in classics*)
>> I would hope I could do more than just regurgitate a high school
>> definition.
>>
>> * Up front disclosure as I have meandered into various areas in a
>> thread and been accused of 'conveniently' making up qualifications

>> when required.

>>

>> You are introducing a whole new definition of a word "Science".

>> Please define it here completely so that we can debate otherwise it is

>> not possible to debate when the definition gets shifted as the

>> discussion progresses.

>> I have been here before. Lots of times.

>

> Very good. You're the only one participating who seems to have

> recognized that I am not talking about a system of knowledge.

>

> It is a system in which people believe everything that comes out of a

> Scientist's mouth, where a Scientist is someone who has convinced the

> media and the public that he or she is a Scientist, and that he or she

> may be contradicted only by another Scientist even it should be

> intuitively obvious to the most casual observer that he or she is full

> of crap. He or she may also be a scientist, but that is neither a

> necessary nor a sufficient qualification.

>

>>> For a good but no longer accessible example of this, you could have

>>> read the discussion on IMDB of "Interstellar" in which many people

>>> were dismissive of Kip Thorne and would cite Neil deGrasse Tyson as

>>> a counterauthority. Tyson is presented to us by the media as a

>>> Scientist, while few people outside the physics world have heard of

>>> Kip Thorne. The thing is Thorne wrote the book on General

>>> Relativity (literally, he's one of three co-authors of what was for

>>> a very long time the standard text) and was recently awarded a

>>> Nobel. Tyson barely struggled through his doctorate and hasn't done

>>> anything since except run a planetarium and become a darling of the

>>> media.

>>

>> So you cite a movie discussion forum where unqualified people argue

>> about their interpretation of the work of two scientists who they most

>> likely do not understand (I can follow a lot of Kip's work) as proof.

>> and the best bit... the forum has been deleted?

>> What was the point of this?

>

> No, they aren't discussing the _work_ of either. They are discussing

> the movie and accepting Tyson's views on it as being authoritative

> even when another physicist who specializes in the field under

> discussion and is far more capable than Tyson contradicts him and

> gives the reasons.

>

>> A deleted discussion forum on a movie website is not a place for

>> academic discussion. Peer reviewed journals and conferences are where

>> appropriately qualified people debate is where science advances, not a

>> movie forum.

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> So? Ask the next 20 strangers you encounter if any of them regularly
> read a peer-reviewed journal, then ask them to identify the greatest
> living scientist and see what they say.
>
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> but there are 150 million registered voters. The 55,000 have
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> million. If someone who is un- or poorly- qualified is adopted by the
> media and accepted by the public as the Face of Physics and he doesn't
> consult with the 55,000 then he can do a lot of damage. The same for
> all the sciences.
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It's all a conspiracy.
Next up: Chem-trails.

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Bah, and indeed, Humbug.

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>> them with a basic education system, it would fall even there sooner.

>
> There is _no_ indication that global population is decreasing.
>
> Population seems to be decreasing in Japan and parts of Europe. Just
> about everywhere else, including India and China, it is increasing.

India is increasing , a basid education system for girls would solve that rapidly, as it would in Pakistan. China's population is falling.

Hopefully, the world would finish up with smaller numbers of Brazilian coloured people.

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Posted by [Andreas Eder](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 11:23:00 GMT
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>>> On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 22:30:16 -0000
>>> "Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer" <no.email@thankyou.invalid> wrote:
>>>
>>>> Sceince means knowledge, the oppositeof ignorance.
>>>
>>> No! The scientific method is primarily a tool for identifying
>>> and rejecting incorrect theories about the world. Science is about
>>> applying that method repeatedly in an attempt to build models of the
>>> world that cannot be falsified.
>>>
>>> No scientist has yet been able to falsify the statement "There
>>> is a god" - if I am wrong in this please cite the peer reviewed paper
>>> in which the non-existence of deities is demonstrated, failing that a
>>> paper in which the non-existence of any deity is demonstrated.
>>
>> And as you should well know, proving non-existence is not possible. It's
>

- > There is no rational number a such that $a^a = 2$. Proving
- > non-existence is a commonplace mathematical technique.
- >
- > For physics based examples I offer phlogiston and lumineferous
- > ether both of which have been shown not to exist.
- >
- > Proving non-existence can be simple, one way is to show that
- > assuming existence implies a conclusion which is demonstrably false.

But proving the non-existence of a green teapot circling around pluto is quite difficult at the moment with current techniques. Do you therefore believe in the existence of said teapot?

'Andreas

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- > affairs of men"

That is a line from Epicurus, isn't it?

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Just about everything that Jesus said was brilliant.
Then he died and someone spent the rest of the book building an organisation and messed it all up.

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 29/11/2018 21:57, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

>> The reason it is so late is that Dick van Dyke (the only US actor who

>> can do a proper English accent) is a bit busy

>

> There are probably more Americans doing a convincing British accent.

Sorry that's a British Joke. DvD's accent is regarded over here as so bad it had achieved legendary status. It is appalling.

A lot of Americans could do better.

A lot of America cats and dogs could probably do better.

Andy

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> if [-n "\$DISPLAY"]

> then

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> xmodmap -e "add lock = Caps_Lock"

> fi

>

>

Mine is slightly different:

\$ cat ~/.modmap

!

! Swap Caps_Lock and Control_L

!

remove Lock = Caps_Lock

remove Control = Control_L

keysym Control_L = Caps_Lock

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add Lock = Caps_Lock

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 14:52:20 GMT

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> Feh. Just reassign the CAPS-LOCK key to CTRL, putting CTRL where

> \$DEITY meant it to be. If you must have a CAPS-LOCK key (say, to

> type "CAPS-LOCK" repeatedly) assign that function to the key with

> flying window icon, something you normally wouldn't want to touch

> anyhow without surgical gloves or a finger stall. :-o

Using Linux here and I've had caps-lock disabled forever.

So, a few weeks ago I decide the keyboard is too full of dust so I start to clean it, including the keys. So, I'm wiping (and pressing) all the keys and I eventually hit the key that activates my screen locker.

So, I type my password and it doesn't work. Then I notice the caps lock led is on. Try as I might, I can't find the key to toggle caps lock.

So, eventually I just reboot using the power button.

Later I use xmodmap to try to find the key that enabled caps lock. There's no such key. So, it's still a mystery as to how caps lock got turned on.

Later I find out that holding down shift while caps lock is active allows me to type lower case.

When I get time, I'll set caps lock with shift to toggle caps lock.

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Dan Espen

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Hey, cool, I'm going to use that!
Thanks.

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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:05:44 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 11:00:00 -0000 (UTC), "Kerr-Mudd,John"
<notsaying@invalid.org> wrote:

> On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 14:36:55 GMT, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com>
> wrote:
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>> On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:54:02 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
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>>> On 28/11/2018 14:54, J. Clarke wrote:
>>>> Now we know that you can regurgitate the high school definition of
>>>> science. I am not talking about science. I am talking about
>>>> Science. Look up the word "scientism". This is where our society is
>>>> headed.
>>>
>>> As a graduate in physics (just for full disclosure I also hold degrees
>>> in electronics, maths and computing and I am staring on in classics*)
>>> I would hope I could do more than just regurgitate a high school
>>> definition.
>>>
>>> * Up front disclosure as I have meandered into various areas in a
>>> thread and been accused of 'conveniently' making up qualifications
>>> when required.
>>>
>>> You are introducing a whole new definition of a word "Science".
>>> Please define it here completely so that we can debate otherwise it is
>>> not possible to debate when the definition gets shifted as the
>>> discussion progresses.
>>> I have been here before. Lots of times.
>>

>> Very good. You're the only one participating who seems to have
>> recognized that I am not talking about a system of knowledge.
>>

>> It is a system in which people believe everything that comes out of a
>> Scientist's mouth, where a Scientist is someone who has convinced the
>> media and the public that he or she is a Scientist, and that he or she
>> may be contradicted only by another Scientist even it should be
>> intuitively obvious to the most casual observer that he or she is full
>> of crap. He or she may also be a scientist, but that is neither a
>> necessary nor a sufficient qualification.
>>

>>>> For a good but no longer accessible example of this, you could have
>>>> read the discussion on IMDB of "Interstellar" in which many people
>>>> were dismissive of Kip Thorne and would cite Neil deGrasse Tyson as
>>>> a counterauthority. Tyson is presented to us by the media as a
>>>> Scientist, while few people outside the physics world have heard of
>>>> Kip Thorne. The thing is Thorne wrote the book on General
>>>> Relativity (literally, he's one of three co-authors of what was for
>>>> a very long time the standard text) and was recently awarded a
>>>> Nobel. Tyson barely struggled through his doctorate and hasn't done
>>>> anything since except run a planetarium and become a darling of the
>>>> media.
>>>

>>> So you cite a movie discussion forum where unqualified people argue
>>> about their interpretation of the work of two scientists who they most
>>> likely do not understand (I can follow a lot of Kip's work) as proof.
>>> and the best bit... the forum has been deleted?
>>> What was the point of this?
>>

>> No, they aren't discussing the work of either. They are discussing
>> the movie and accepting Tyson's views on it as being authoritative
>> even when another physicist who specializes in the field under
>> discussion and is far more capable than Tyson contradicts him and
>> gives the reasons.
>>

>>> A deleted discussion forum on a movie website is not a place for
>>> academic discussion. Peer reviewed journals and conferences are where
>>> appropriately qualified people debate is where science advances, not a
>>> movie forum.
>>

>> So? Ask the next 20 strangers you encounter if any of them regularly
>> read a peer-reviewed journal, then ask them to identify the greatest
>> living scientist and see what they say.
>>

>> In the US there are 55,000 members of the American Physical Society
>> but there are 150 million registered voters. The 55,000 have
>> political power only to the extent that they can persuade the 150
>> million. If someone who is un- or poorly- qualified is adopted by the

>> media and accepted by the public as the Face of Physics and he doesn't
>> consult with the 55,000 then he can do a lot of damage. The same for
>> all the sciences.
>>
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>
> It's all a conspiracy.
> Next up: Chem-trails.

Another response of the religious to those who challenge their beliefs. Belittle.

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There seems to be this need in many if not most people to adopt ideologies and follow authority figures, but the decision about which ideology to adopt and what authority figure to follow is not always or even usually rational. And having adopted an ideology they'll take whatever the authority figure they have accepted says as being gospel instead of examining the ideology and determining (1) whether what he says is in accordance with the rules of the ideology and (2) whether the ideology itself makes any sense.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 16:18:30 GMT
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On 30/11/2018 09:39, maus wrote:

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>>>> Well, for argument's sake I will cheerfully assume that Technology
>>>> will find a way to let us generate billions of MW of renewable power
>> in 880 years. Then we start digging. In 1800 years the entire mass
>> of the planet will be converted to people, crawling over each other
>> like a swarm of bees. Finding a food source is left as an exercise
>> for the reader.

>>

>> Growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancer cell.

>> -- Edward Abbey

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The governments of third world countries spent the second half of the 20
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 16:22:56 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 10:01:32 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
wrote:

> mausg <mausg@mail.com> writes:

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> that will meet demand with the projected population.

What's going to happen is that extracting oil will become more and
more expensive as we have to go to lower and lower grade sources.
Eventually it will be enough more expensive than something else to
justify the changeover and we'll transition to something else.

The trouble is that there are pressure groups who aren't willing to
wait, they want the transition right now today no matter how much
chaos it causes or who it harms.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 16:27:26 GMT
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> Eventually, if we keep having babies and wanting to consume more resources,
> we are going to run out of planet. It is inevitable.
>
> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UOi6v5DD_1M
>
>

Dr. Malthus, I presume?.

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Will Rant For Food

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De Rerum Natura, Lucretius, explaining epicurus. I hope

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AFAWeKnow. There is a lot of debate about how much in the books
was authentic.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 16:40:51 GMT
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Look up lot in the pre-biblical sources (available by digging up the nearest Tell), and you may be suprised.

Besides that, one angry woman is a nightmare, two or more can similate the Furies.

("What do you mean it was my idea?.. I _never_ agreed.")

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Ta for all that (An english 'ta').

Try golf.

My idea takes one knifestroke, both above take many keystrokes.

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Will Rant For Food

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It would be well worth while for First and Second World countries to start

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'Chocom's' once).

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>> Thanks.
>
> You're welcome. I run it from ~/.bashrc. Although what I then
> discovered was that I quite often hit Shift and CapsLock at the
> same time.
>
> :o(
>
> You may also be amused by this;
>
> PS1='\[e\$(((\$??1:0))m\[u@\h \w]\[e[0m\]: '

the variable '\$?' is the status of the last command.
\e starts a ANSI escape sequence. The sequence <esc> X m (were X is
numeric value encoded as a sequence of ASCII characters)
is "select graphic rendition". The c-type trinary operator ?:
is used to select from 'all attributes off (0)' or 'display bold (1)'
as the character between the escape and 'm'.

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> It highlights the command prompt if the previous command exited with
> a non-zero status. I have *no* idea how it works!

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Try holding dow both shift keys. That might clear the capslock.
I have the following in my .xsession:

```
/usr/bin/setxkbmap -layout de,de -variant nodeadkeys,neo -option  
grp:sclk_toggle -option grp_led:scroll-option -option ctrl:nocaps  
-option compose:prtsc-option shift:both_capslock
```

It makes the capslock key a ctrl key, but let's me use capslock by
pressing both shift keys simultaneously.

'Andreas

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>> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
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>>> On 2018-11-28, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
>>>> On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 22:30:16 -0000
>>>> "Gareth's Jim's Advent Computer" <no.email@thankyou.invalid> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > Sceince means knowledge, the oppositeof ignorance.
>>>>
>>>> No! The scientific method is primarily a tool for identifying
>>>> and rejecting incorrect theories about the world. Science is about
>>>> applying that method repeatedly in an attempt to build models of the
>>>> world that cannot be falsified.
>>>>
>>>> No scientist has yet been able to falsify the statement
>>>> "There is a god" - if I am wrong in this please cite the peer
>>>> reviewed paper in which the non-existence of deities is
>>>> demonstrated, failing that a paper in which the non-existence of any
>>>> deity is demonstrated.
>>>
>>> And as you should well know, proving non-existence is not possible.
>>> It's
>>
>> There is no rational number a such that $a^a = 2$. Proving
>> non-existence is a commonplace mathematical technique.
>>
>> For physics based examples I offer phlogiston and lumineferous
>> ether both of which have been shown not to exist.
>>
>> Proving non-existence can be simple, one way is to show that
>> assuming existence implies a conclusion which is demonstrably false.
>
> But proving the non-existence of a green teapot circling around pluto is
> quite difficult at the moment with current techniques. Do you therefore
> believe in the existence of said teapot?

I consider the existence of said teapot extremely unlikely but I
can't rule it out on logical grounds (for all I know some undocumented
cosmonaut in the 1960s threw one out and it's now orbiting pluto). That
sentence (without the parenthesised bit) works equally well for me if you
substitute 'god' for 'said teapot'.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:02:04 GMT

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On 30 Nov 2018 09:35:26 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

```
> maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:
>> I have always been irritated by accidentally hitting the CAPS-LOCK
>> button and finding ways to disable it. Last time I hit it by
>> accident, I got my knife and pulled it off.
>
> #!/bin/bash
>
> # Caps lock can only be set/unset with Shift/CapsLock
> #
> if [ -n "$DISPLAY" ]
> then
> xmodmap -e "clear lock"
> xmodmap -e "keycode 66 = NoSymbol Caps_Lock"
> xmodmap -e "add lock = Caps_Lock"
> fi
```

My FreeBSD boxes just have things like:

```
keymap="us.ctrl.kbd"
```

In /etc/rc.conf and the pesky thing is gone in console and X. That gets put there when I select the keymap from a menu during installation.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:05:42 GMT

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On 30 Nov 2018 15:19:06 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

```
> You may also be amused by this;
>
> PS1="\e[$(($??1:0))m\][\u@\h \w]\e[0m\]: '
>
```

> It highlights the command prompt if the previous command exited with
> a non-zero status. I have *no* idea how it works!

That's a bit shorter than my

```
PS1='\[\033[01;37m\]$(if [[ $? == 0 ]]; then echo "\[\033[01;32m\]
\342\234\223"; else echo "\[\033[01;31m\]\342\234\227"; fi) \[\033[01;32m\]
\u@\h\[\033[01;34m\] \w $\[\033[00m\]'
```

Which puts a green tick or red cross at the start of the prompt
depending on the previous exit status.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:09:59 GMT

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On 30 Nov 2018 09:36:24 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-11-30, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

>> On 29 Nov 2018 22:32:51 GMT

>> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

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>>> On 2018-11-29, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

>>>

>>> [28 lines snipped]

>>>

>>>> Note that those terawatts of electricity ultimately manifest as

>>>> waste heat. Which gradually raises the planet's average surface

>>>> temperature as well when it exceeds the capacity of the planet to

>>>> radiate it back into space.

>>>

>>> I believe the Pierson's Puppeteers solved this by moving their planet.

>>

>> As indeed did the humans in another one of Niven's works. Unlike

>> the Puppeteers they didn't buy a planetary scale inertialess drive from

>> the Outsiders but instead gravity dragged it behind a gas giant (Uranus

>> IIRC) propelled by a fusion ramjet bouncing in and out of its

>> atmosphere.

>>

>> That might actually work, but the ocean sloshing would probably

>> make the worst of global warming predictions seem positively desirable.
>
> Well, it is only an entertainment, after all! :o)

Indeed and very entertaining both of them are. I do tend to find that the harder it is to see the problems the more entertaining SF is. If it's obvious hokum then the entertainment level has to be high to overcome the irritation.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:11:39 GMT
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Not yet certainly, I'll happily chip in for the retirement presents if it will help though.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:24:49 GMT
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On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 11:22:56 -0500
J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> The trouble is that there are pressure groups who aren't willing to
> wait, they want the transition right now today no matter how much
> chaos it causes or who it harms.

OTOH we do need to be working on those alternatives and giving any

that are close enough to be promising enough use to develop them or prove them non-viable. The more development and real world use the alternatives get the sooner they become viable if they ever will.

Early adopters are a vital part of development, the rest of us should wait for them to find the problems before following - anyone buying an electric car in 2000 was crazy, now not so much, at least partly because of the crazy buyers in 2000.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:48:28 GMT
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On 2018-11-30, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-11-30, Andrew Swallow <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:
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> providing it now (Of course, some of the teachers would be what the US called
> 'Chocom's' once).

Many power groups view education as a threat. Educated people tend to breed less, reducing the supply of serfs, cannon fodder, or consumers, and have an irritating habit of questioning authority.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:48:28 GMT
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On 2018-11-30, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> On 29 Nov 2018 23:30:20 GMT
> Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
>
>> Nice article. It supplements my own back-of-the-envelope calculation
>> that if our population continues to double every 40 years - as it has
>> been doing until recently - there will be one person for every square
>> meter of land on the planet (tundra, desert, and wetland included) in
>> 600 years.
>
> Yep all the classic sums that prove that growth has a limit, but
> you can do the same sums starting with the first single celled organism
> doubling every 20 minutes and get the same absurd answers which haven't
> happened because there are indeed limits to growth and they cut in long
> before the extremes.
>
> Human population is showing signs of flattening into a sigmoid
> rather than an exponential - which is what happens to many real things that
> look exponential for a while - but it's not happening because we're all
> starving or have run out of room to live (OK cities are crowded but that's
> our choice not necessity we could easily spread out a bit more and be more
> comfortable). As far as anyone can tell it's happening because we've become
> too rich and comfortable to be bothered to breed.

One could argue that it's just nature at work. Different sexual behaviours are just a part of this. In just about any group of organisms with little predation (e.g. the Galapagos), birth rates fall to maintain equilibrium.

> When I was young it was common knowledge that we'd either blow
> ourselves back to the stone age (if we were lucky) or breed ourselves into
> starvation (probably before the end of the twentieth century). Like most
> common knowledge it was wrong, we're doing neither.
>
> I expect the world a century from now will be richer, more
> comfortable and very strange by our standards just as our world is compared
> to that of 1918 and that world was compared to 1818.

The "strange" part is probably a slam dunk. The question is whether the "richer" and "more comfortable" parts will apply to the entire population, or just a privileged few. The ones who fret the most about a falling birth rate are the ones who, for various reasons, feel the need for an underclass that provides them with their goodies.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:48:29 GMT

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On 2018-11-30, Andreas Eder <a_eder_muc@web.de> wrote:

> On Mi 28 Nov 2018 at 12:05, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

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"As far as we know, our system has never had an undetected error."

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:48:30 GMT

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On 2018-11-30, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 29/11/2018 13:53, Peter Flass wrote:

>

>> Jefferson had the right idea. There's a lot of good in the Bible,

>> surrounded by a lot of dross. He tok a razor, sliced out the good

>> stuff, pasted it into a notebook, and tossed out the rest.

>

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:48:32 GMT
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On 2018-11-30, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 12:12:23 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>
>> On 29/11/2018 14:36, J. Clarke wrote:
>>
>> So basically... Never underestimate the stupidity of intelligent people
>> in large groups.
>>
>> I can't disagree with that.

I suspect that if one were to come up with a formula for the intelligence of a group of people, it would resemble the one for a number of resistors in parallel.

> There seems to be this need in many if not most people to adopt
> ideologies and follow authority figures, but the decision about which
> ideology to adopt and what authority figure to follow is not always or
> even usually rational. And having adopted an ideology they'll take
> whatever the authority figure they have accepted says as being gospel
> instead of examining the ideology and determining (1) whether what he
> says is in accordance with the rules of the ideology and (2) whether
> the ideology itself makes any sense.

"If she weighs the same as a duck... she's made of wood."

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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>> organisation and messed it all up.
>>
>> Andy
>
> AFAWeKnow. There is a lot of debate about how much in the books
> was authentic.

Personally I find myself wondering how old some of the stuff in Genesis actually is. The Caine and Abel bit if you look at it the right way might be about the invention of agriculture. Or it might be about happy hunter-gatherers being enslaved by farmers.

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Bumper sticker seen in the '60s--"Jesus is coming, and MAN is He
PISSSED".

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 19:01:52 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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> providing it now (Of course, some of the teachers would be what the US called
> 'Chocom's' once).

Well, leave the US out of this endeavor. It has yet to be
demonstrated that the US can provide anything remotely resembling an
education to _anybody_.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 19:03:40 GMT
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> Not yet certainly, I'll happily chip in for the retirement presents
> if it will help though.

As long as it's one of those gag gifts, not something that they'd really like.

"She's down in Mexico with the hundred thou,
and I'm up here with this crummy watch."
-- Bob Newhart: The Retirement Party

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 19:11:45 GMT
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Originally posted by: nobody

On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 14:43:47 -0500, J. Clarke
<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 18:41:41 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:
>
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>
> What leads you to believe that anyone wants renewable power to fail?
[...]
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"What leads me to believe" etc. is the fact that anybody is still
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the issue. Among other things.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 19:16:17 GMT
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Originally posted by: nobody

On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 14:38:51 -0500, J. Clarke
<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 18:59:46 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:

>

>> Well, for argument's sake I will cheerfully assume that Technology
>> will find a way to let us generate billions of MW of renewable power
>> without significant environmental harm, in exactly the same way that
>> Technology has found a way to let us burn billions of MW of fossil
>> fuels without significant environmental harm.

>

> You will "cheefully assume" that will you? In other words you're
> trusting that some genius somewhere is going to provide us with a
> miracle?

Sure, why not? Rose colored glasses come in all shapes and sizes. Even
an old cynic like me can try some on from time to time.

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What is your objection to the word "activists"? What other word would
you prefer?

<adds popcorn to shopping list>

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 20:55:24 GMT

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On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 11:22:56 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 10:01:32 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
> wrote:

>

>> maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:

>>> Some years ago, the big worry was 'peak oil', well, it has not happened.

>>

>> Fracking has pushed that off, but that will only work for so long.

>> After fracking, we might have algae to produce oil, but I don't think

>> that will meet demand with the projected population.

>

> What's going to happen is that extracting oil will become more and

> more expensive as we have to go to lower and lower grade sources.

> Eventually it will become enough more expensive than something else to

> justify the changeover and we'll transition to something else.

I think until fusion works (let's wait and see what happens when the big thingy in France starts working) wind and solar should be considered.

I saw a report saying a small village in Portugal could power itself from renewables for five consecutive days as a record. But have many days over the year they don't need the grid

< <https://qz.com/1245048/portugal-generated-enough-renewable-energy-to-power-the-whole-country-in-march/> >.

Sure they have a lot more sun than most other countries. But increasing the efficiency of photovoltaic-system should increase in the future.

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Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 20:58:11 GMT

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On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 05:40:52 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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> On 30 Nov 2018 09:39:03 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>

>> AFAIK, world population is falling. That's going to cause a lot of angst
>> to nutters, but its happening, and if the First world rich people were
>> stopped from driving Third World people into poverty, and supplied
>> them with a basic education system, it would fall even there sooner.

>

> There is _no_ indication that global population is decreasing.

>

> Population seems to be decreasing in Japan and parts of Europe. Just
> about everywhere else, including India and China, it is increasing.

Not China. From 1979 to 2015 they had a so called "One-child policy" in
place <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One-child_policy>.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 21:29:09 GMT

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Andreas Eder <a_eder_muc@web.de> writes:

> On Fr 30 Nov 2018 at 09:52, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

>

>> Using Linux here and I've had caps-lock disabled forever.

>>

>> So, a few weeks ago I decide the keyboard is too full of dust so
>> I start to clean it, including the keys. So, I'm wiping (and pressing)
>> all the keys and I eventually hit the key that activates my screen locker.

>>

>> So, I type my password and it doesn't work. Then I notice the caps lock
>> led is on. Try as I might, I can't find the key to toggle caps lock.
>> So, eventually I just reboot using the power button.

>>

>> Later I use xmodmap to try to find the key that enabled caps lock.
>> There's no such key. So, it's still a mystery as to how caps lock got
>> turned on.

>>

>> Later I find out that holding down shift while caps lock is active
>> allows me to type lower case.

>>

>> When I get time, I'll set caps lock with shift to toggle caps lock.
>
> Try holding down both shift keys. That might clear the capslock.
> I have the following in my .xsession:
>
> /usr/bin/setxkbmap -layout de,de -variant nodeadkeys,neo -option
> grp:sclk_toggle -option grp_led:scroll-option -option ctrl:nocaps
> -option compose:prtsc -option shift:both_capslock
>
> It makes the capslock key a ctrl key, but let's me use capslock by
> pressing both shift keys simultaneously.

I think we have a winner!

Thanks.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 21:36:07 GMT
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On Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 4:15:07 AM UTC-5, AndyW wrote:

> The reason it is so late is that Dick van Dyke (the only US actor who
> can do a proper English accent) is a bit busy

There was criticism of the British accents on the show, The Nanny.
The actor who Sheffield was actually British, but people said his
accent was fake. The actor who played Niles the butler was actually
an American, but they said his accent was real.

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>>>> button and finding ways to disable it. Last time I hit it by
>>>> accident, I got my knife and pulled it off.
>>>
>>> #!/bin/bash
>>>
>>> # Caps lock can only be set/unset with Shift/CapsLock
>>> #
>>> if [ -n "$DISPLAY" ]
>>> then
>>> xmodmap -e "clear lock"
>>> xmodmap -e "keycode 66 = NoSymbol Caps_Lock"
>>> xmodmap -e "add lock = Caps_Lock"
>>> fi
>>
>> Hey, cool, I'm going to use that!
>> Thanks.
>
> You're welcome. I run it from ~/.bashrc. Although what I then
> discovered was that I quite often hit Shift and CapsLock at the
> same time.
>
> :o(
>
> You may also be amused by this;
>
> PS1='\[e$((($??1:0))m\[u@\h \w]\[e[0m\]: '
>
> It highlights the command prompt if the previous command exited with
> a non-zero status. I have *no* idea how it works!

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Already explained how it works, but sadly lacks color.

Mine is currently:

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function colormagenta { echo -n '\033[35m'; }
function colorcyan { echo -n '\033[36m'; }
function colorreset { echo -n '\033[m'; }
PS1="\[ colorcyan\]home\[ colormagenta\]>\[ colorreset\] "

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Have to give some thought to the colors for an error.
Cool stuff.

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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 21:54:39 GMT

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On 30 Nov 2018 18:48:32 GMT

Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> I suspect that if one were to come up with a formula for the intelligence
> of a group of people, it would resemble the one for a number of resistors
> in parallel.

ISTR seeing a suggestion that it was the lowest IQ in the group
divided by the square of the number of members, but I think it's more
complex than that because small groups of people can (but don't always) act
with greater effective intelligence than any member.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 21:57:05 GMT

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On 30 Nov 2018 19:03:40 GMT

Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

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>

>> On 30 Nov 2018 10:28:58 GMT

>> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

>>

>>> What, you think the Four Horsemen retired?

>>

>> Not yet certainly, I'll happily chip in for the retirement

>> presents if it will help though.

>

> As long as it's one of those gag gifts, not something that they'd really

> like.

They can have whatever they like if it gets them to retire.

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Posted by [sidd](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 22:00:12 GMT
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that should be Hansen's "Climate Change and Trace Gases" published by the
Royal Society and as I recall, available freely online

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 22:07:37 GMT
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IMHO, the trick for a healthy society is to have a reasonable
balance. That is, we should respect authority, but also
question it.

We need some authority in order to function as a society. Without
it there is confusion and even danger.

On the flip side, blind unquestioning allegiance to authority

is bad, too.

Back in the 1970s, I would get frustrated at the dig in the heels stance so many people practiced. On the one hand, many elders expected their kids or employees to blindly obey orders because "they said so". Unfortunately, that included marching off to die in Vietnam for no reason, which many young people understandably didn't want to do. It also meant accepting abuse in the workplace or even home.

On the other hand, many young people went too far questioning everything and anything those in authority asked. For example, most organizations had reasonable rules and regulations to function and maintain safety. Many young people deliberately ignored them. At my condo, some young (and not so young) folks created disturbances and disrupted life of their neighbors as an act of rebellion and refused to cooperate.

Personally, I was fortunate to have attended schools with open-minded administrations. They weren't super progressive, but not regressive either, so most of us got along well. When I got out into the work world, I usually was able to sense the atmosphere of an employer and avoided "because I said so" types.

I knew people who attended less than open minded schools and worked for repressive employers and considered myself lucky that wasn't my world.

I understand that today suburban schools have a CYA mindset and run on a zero tolerance policy for any rule breakers, even minor stuff. Kids get detention or even suspension at the blink of an eye--that was rare in my day. The newspaper said school officials are afraid of getting sued unless they're strict. On the flip side, inner city schools have no discipline because they're afraid of getting sued by the ACLU et al (which has happened.)

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>>>> > On 2018-11-29, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:
>>>> >
>>>> > [28 lines snipped]
>>>> >
>>>> >> Note that those terawatts of electricity ultimately manifest as
>>>> >> waste heat. Which gradually raises the planet's average surface
>>>> >> temperature as well when it exceeds the capacity of the planet to
>>>> >> radiate it back into space.
>>>> >
>>>> > I believe the Pierson's Puppeteers solved this by moving their planet.
>>>>
>>>> As indeed did the humans in another one of Niven's works. Unlike
>>>> the Puppeteers they didn't buy a planetary scale inertialess drive from
>>>> the Outsiders but instead gravity dragged it behind a gas giant (Uranus
>>>> IIRC) propelled by a fusion ramjet bouncing in and out of its
>>>> atmosphere.
>>>>
>>>> That might actually work, but the ocean sloshing would probably
>>>> make the worst of global warming predictions seem positively desirable.

That's why you need something truly advanced, like James Blish's spindizzies.
Not only did whole cities use them to fly through space, but one group took
their entire planet on a tour of the universe (and returned with some
disturbing news, but that's another story...).

>>> Well, it is only an entertainment, after all! :o)
>>
>> Indeed and very entertaining both of them are. I do tend to find
>> that the harder it is to see the problems the more entertaining SF is. If
>> it's obvious hokum then the entertainment level has to be high to overcome
>> the irritation.
>
> +1

Hollywood is pushing the entertainment levels pretty high these days,
but your point is taken. Still, some of those movies are so much fun
that unless the bloopers are really serious I can disconnect my sense
of disbelief and enjoy them.

"I am Groot."

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The people sending out a legitimate alert will leave a message,
so I'll get it before long. If I'm home, I'll often pick up the
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I'll have the message and can call back immediately if necessary.
If someone doesn't leave a message, it's either not important enough
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How do we know that those models are accurate outside of the range
over which they have been validated. If they accurately calculate
previous glaciation cycles they are extrapolating conditions for the
next one.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 30 Nov 2018 23:49:03 GMT
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<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 05:40:52 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> On 30 Nov 2018 09:39:03 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>>> AFAIK, world population is falling. That's going to cause a lot of angst

>>> to nutters, but its happening, and if the First world rich people were
>>> stopped from driving Third World people into poverty, and supplied
>>> them with a basic education system, it would fall even there sooner.
>>
>> There is _no_ indication that global population is decreasing.
>>
>> Population seems to be decreasing in Japan and parts of Europe. Just
>> about everywhere else, including India and China, it is increasing.
>
> Not China. From 1979 to 2015 they had a so called "One-child policy" in
> place <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One-child_policy>.

Check again.

1979--970 million
1984--1.04 billion
1989--1.12 billion
1994--1.19 billion
1999--1.25 billion
2004--1.30 billion
2009--1.33 billion
2014--1.36 billion
2015--1.37 billion

In no year during that time period did the population decrease.

You probably should have read that wikipedia entry you linked, because it does not say what you think it says. It has a nice chart showing continuous population increase. It states that only about 36 percent of the population of China was subject to the policy and there were as many as 22 different ways one could be exempted from it, and that's leaving aside laxness of enforcement.

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By the third day of snow the coal plants are fired up?

Meanwhile, you've been using a pretty clean form of energy.

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Not that I have any such blind faith.

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On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:34:39 -0500, J. Clarke
<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 19:11:45 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:
>
>> "What leads me to believe" etc. is the fact that anybody is still
>> comfortable pointing a loaded word like "activists" at either side of
>> the issue. Among other things.
>
> What is your objection to the word "activists"? What other word would
> you prefer?

Oh, you know. I am a Proponent, You are an Activist, He/She is a
Fanatic. It's the kind of syntactic sparring that turns polite
conversation into a shit slinging contest, and about as useful as
arguing on the Internet.

> <adds popcorn to shopping list>

Ooh, popcorn. Extra buttery for me please.

(Apropos of nothing, I've actually popped popcorn using solar power!
Not saying it was efficient, but it did work.)

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>>>> says is in accordance with the rules of the ideology and (2) whether
>>>> the ideology itself makes any sense.
>>>>
>>> Love of authority is a right wing personality trait.
>>
>> It is a trait of both sides. How many Democrats actually think about
>> what their party is doing?
>
> Apparently not very many. Hence their lack of a unified agenda.
>
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- > Suspect all you want.
- > I think the word "authority" is pretty clear to most people.
- > It does not mean blind faith in scientists.
- > Not that I have any such blind faith.

That's part of the trouble, people think they know what the authorities in their lives are. Do you know who the authorities in yours are? Or are you clinically paranoid and trust nobody?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 02:42:24 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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 - > If you want to be respected, you should behave respectably.

So does "behaving respectably" lead to power as reliably as behaving like, say, a politician?

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 02:44:01 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 19:21:19 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
>
>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:55:24 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>
>>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 11:22:56 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
>>>>
>>>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 10:01:32 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
>>>> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> >maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:
>>>> >> Some years ago, the big worry was 'peak oil', well, it has not happened.
>>>> >
>>>> >Fracking has pushed that off, but that will only work for so long.
>>>> >After fracking, we might have algae to produce oil, but I don't think
>>>> >that will meet demand with the projected population.
>>>>
>>>> What's going to happen is that extracting oil will become more and
>>>> more expensive as we have to go to lower and lower grade sources.
>>>> Eventually it will become enough more expensive than something else to
>>>> justify the changeover and we'll transition to something else.
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>>> thingy in France starts working) wind and solar should be considered.
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>>> Sure they have a lot more sun than most other countries. But increasing
>>> the efficiency of photovoltaic-system should increase in the future.
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>> How does photovoltaic help me in the third night of a blizzard?
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> By the third day of snow the coal plants are fired up?

What coal plants? Who's going to keep enough coal plants around to
provide heat for everybody when they only get used when there's a
blizzard?

It costs money to maintain a power plant even if it's idle.

> Meanwhile, you've been using a pretty clean form of energy.

Which is no consolation when I'm freezing to death in the dark.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 02:44:51 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 01 Dec 2018 01:29:44 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:

> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:34:39 -0500, J. Clarke
> <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 19:11:45 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:
>>
>>> "What leads me to believe" etc. is the fact that anybody is still
>>> comfortable pointing a loaded word like "activists" at either side of
>>> the issue. Among other things.
>>
>> What is your objection to the word "activists"? What other word would
>> you prefer?
>
> Oh, you know. I am a Proponent, You are an Activist, He/She is a
> Fanatic. It's the kind of syntactic sparring that turns polite
> conversation into a shit slinging contest, and about as useful as
> arguing on the Internet.
>
>> <adds popcorn to shopping list>
>
> Ooh, popcorn. Extra buttery for me please.
>
> (Apropos of nothing, I've actually popped popcorn using solar power!
> Not saying it was efficient, but it did work.)

OK, fine, other than a handful of proponents. Does that change anything?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 05:47:43 GMT
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On 30 Nov 2018 22:40:06 GMT
Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> That's why you need something truly advanced, like James Blish's
> spindizzies. Not only did whole cities use them to fly through space, but
> one group took their entire planet on a tour of the universe (and
> returned with some disturbing news, but that's another story...).

There were two planets flown in that universe, He and Hern VI. He was the first and when He's spindizzies cut in for the first time they caused earthquakes and volcanoes.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [sidd](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 06:51:05 GMT
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Re: climate models

The paleoMIP models run on much longer timescale than the CMIP (climate model intercomparison project)

the latter are concerned with timescale from preindustrial to 2100 or 2300

PMIP3 has comparison to CMIP5 available on the PMIP3 homepage i posted earlier.

One place to find CMIP5

http://climexp.knmi.nl/selectfield_cmip5.cgi

There is a nice page on comparison of CMIP5 and ancestral models to observations

<https://www.climate-lab-book.ac.uk/comparing-cmip5-observations/>

CMIP5 is shortly (year or so timescale) to be superseded by CMIP6

I should remark that the Ganopolski reference i posted earlier is a very generous calculation that uses preindustrial CO2 of 280ppm, yet finds no glaciation 50KYr hence

however we are presently at 400+ ppm CO2 and rising

sidd

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 09:05:13 GMT

On 2018-11-30, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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> of the population of China was subject to the policy and there were as

> many as 22 different ways one could be exempted from it, and that's

> leaving aside laxness of enforcement.

I would look forward to the big increase in Chinese Interior designers
as a result of the 'one child' policy. :)

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Maus@ireland.com

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 11:28:22 GMT

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On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:49:03 -0500

J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 12:51:12 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bud Frede

Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> writes:

>>
>
> The problem with Wine (last I looked) is that it won't install software. I
> read that someone had a commercial version that would, but never looked at
> it.

Crossover from Codeweavers. It works really well for those few Windows apps that I want to use. I have Quicken and a Windows-only recipe program running with Crossover.

It can also handle things like Microsoft Office, but I have no desire to run that.

Not too long ago I found my old Describe word processor disk. I think it was called the Voyager edition and came with both OS/2 and Windows versions. (I was a big fan of OS/2 for a long time.)

The Windows version of Describe still runs fine with Crossover. :-)

A really neat feature of Crossover is that it installs Windows apps into "bottles." You can install multiple apps into a bottle, use one bottle per app, or some mixture of the two. When you create a bottle, you can select the version of Windows it mimics and also 32 or 64-bit.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 12:59:52 GMT
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On Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 10:56:44 AM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:
> On Thu, 29 Nov 2018 08:35:25 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc

> <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
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>> On Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 1:54:07 AM UTC-7, AndyW wrote:
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>>
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>> scientist.
>>
>> 3) Therefore, public reverence for "Science" doesn't necessarily lead to public
>> support of what is genuine and valid science.
>
> Bingo.
>
> And not just support of what is genuine and valid science but also
> support for policy guided by it.

It looks like you won't have to worry about Neil deGrasse Tyson much longer:

<https://etcanada.com/news/392335/neil-degrasse-tyson-accused-of-sexual-misconduct-by-3-women-cosmos-networks-and-produce-rs-promise-to-investigate/>

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 13:24:42 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 1 Dec 2018 04:59:52 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

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Interesting--in one he was looking at her tatoo of the solar system
which extended underneath her clothing. In the second he was trying
to persuade her to have sex with him. The third if true is more
serious.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 13:45:55 GMT
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On 2018-12-01, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:49:03 -0500
> J. Clarke <jjclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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- > power storage (hydro, battery, mechanical) to carry the rest.
- >

The 1970's oil crises made a lot of those fashionable, so when my daughter came to getting a house of her own, I advised her to check out how the houses fitted with solar power in the 70's were going on. Not one uses it now. The proposed Swansea tidal pool is attracting a lot of criticism, and nuclear has its problems. The answer to it all, I would suggest, is to make electricity a lot more expensive, and make automobiles a lot more expensive to have in areas with public transport.

If one drives around our own dear island at the moment, and look at the silly 'Christmas' lights on the houses, one has to wonder.

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Maus@ireland.com
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 16:59:16 GMT
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On 1 Dec 2018 16:01:47 GMT
Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

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- > I think a comma in there might have been helpful. :o)

''''

There you go, sprinkle them as desired :)

- >> to carry the base load and a mix of
- >> renewables (chosen for efficiency with an eye to diversity) backed up by
- >> power storage (hydro, battery, mechanical) to carry the rest.
- >
- > Which requires someone capable of planning it actually in control. There
- > doesn't seem to be much of that going on anywhere.

Yep which means we'll get whatever happens just like always.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 18:00:27 GMT
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On 2018-12-01, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
>> On Friday, November 30, 2018 at 4:40:30 PM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:
>>
>>>> There seems to be this need in many if not most people to adopt
>>>> ideologies and follow authority figures, but the decision about which
>>>> ideology to adopt and what authority figure to follow is not always or
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>
> Authority != the establishment. I have (well, had) a great deal of
> respect for Stephen Hawking. For politicians, not so much. For the
> British Royal Family, none at all.
>
> Respect has to be earned.
>

At one of the recent Royal weddings, two different newspapers employed
lipreaders to interpret what the couple were saying to each other.
The two versions were completely different.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 18:47:45 GMT

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> like, say, a politician?

Apparently not. But who respects politicians?

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)

\ / I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.

X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.

/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 19:08:51 GMT

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On Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6:45:58 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:

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> more expensive to have in areas with public transport.

Why would one want to make electricity more expensive? That would hurt the economy, and make people poorer. Electricity can be produced in a carbon-free fashion, so making electricity more expensive is not required to reduce carbon emissions.

And of course people need to have automobiles. They just shouldn't use them every day to go to work. Gas rationing will take care of that, it worked during the war.

Obviously, if people can get to work by car, they can get to work by bus, since buses use the same streets as cars. The buses can be hydrogen-fuelled until trolley wires are put in.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 21:02:53 GMT

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Nothing. But blizzards don't come out of the blue (and I think they don't get much snow in Portugal I used in my example). So if it's known a blizzard is about to happen, alternative plants (and let it be coal plants) will be fired up.

My example only shows that it is today already possible to use almost 100% renewables in certain regions. I would assume that should also work in Texas and other southern US-States. Although not in Saskatoon in Canada. At least not for months in the winter and early spring.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 21:13:13 GMT

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>>>

>>> There is _no_ indication that global population is decreasing.

>>>

>>> Population seems to be decreasing in Japan and parts of Europe. Just

>>> about everywhere else, including India and China, it is increasing.

>>

>> Not China. From 1979 to 2015 they had a so called "One-child policy" in

>> place <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One-child_policy>.

>

> Check again.

>

> 1979--970 million

> 1984--1.04 billion

> 1989--1.12 billion

> 1994--1.19 billion

> 1999--1.25 billion

> 2004--1.30 billion

> 2009--1.33 billion

> 2014--1.36 billion

> 2015--1.37 billion

Care to cite a source for that?

> In no year during that time period did the population decrease.

It's only 36 years. Also people live longer. Others might have managed to ignore the policy undetected and giving birth to more than one child.

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| The fertility rate in China continued its fall from 2.8 births per
| woman in 1979 (already a sharp reduction from more than five births
| per woman in the early 1970s) to 1.5 by the mid 1990s.

And

| However, a more recent study found that China's fertility decline to
| very low levels by the mid 1990s was far more impressive given its
| lower level of socio-economic development at that time; even after
| taking rapid economic development into account, China's fertility
| restrictions likely averted over 500 million births between 1970 and
| 2015, with the portion caused by one-child restrictions possibly
| totaling 400 million.

And the figures would likely be much higher if no policy was in
place. You had 1/2 billion people more in China otherwise.

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Andreas

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<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

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Perhaps "respect" is the wrong word. We willingly obey their edicts whether we respect them or not.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 21:25:15 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 01 Dec 2018 16:02:53 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:49:03 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:55:24 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>>> I think until fusion works (let's wait and see what happens when the big
>>> thingy in France starts working) wind and solar should be considered.

>>>

>>> I saw a report saying a small village in Portugal could power itself from
>>> renewables for five consecutive days as a record. But have many days over
>>> the year they don't need the grid

>>> < [https://qz.com/1245048/portugal-generated-enough-renewable-e
nergy-to-power-the-whole-country-in-march/](https://qz.com/1245048/portugal-generated-enough-renewable-energy-to-power-the-whole-country-in-march/)>.

>>>

>>> Sure they have a lot more sun than most other countries. But increasing
>>> the efficiency of photovoltaic-system should increase in the future.

>>

>> How does photovoltaic help me in the third night of a blizzard?

>

> Nothing. But blizzards don't come out of the blue (and I think they
> don't get much snow in Portugal I used in my example). So if it's known a
> blizzard is about to happen, alternative plants (and let it be coal
> plants) will be fired up.

To apply the fix for "global warming" that the IPCC recommends, we
have to do more than solar panels in Portugal. We have to cut out
fossil fuel use everywhere except in cases where there simply is no
other option.

If you believe that electric utilities will keep massive plant
capacity offline and ready to start to provide service for one week
out of the year, you are mistaken. Those plants will be shut down,
dismantled, and sold for scrap and the land on which they sit will be
diverted to other purposes.

> My example only shows that it is today already possible to use almost
> 100% renewables in certain regions. I would assume that should also work
> in Texas and other southern US-States. Although not in Saskatoon in
> Canada. At least not for months in the winter and early spring.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 21:42:49 GMT
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On Sat, 01 Dec 2018 16:13:13 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:58:11 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>> Check again.

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>> 2004--1.30 billion

>> 2009--1.33 billion

>> 2014--1.36 billion

>> 2015--1.37 billion

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> Care to cite a source for that?

The one I used is

<<http://www.multpl.com/china-population/table/by-year>> but the same
information is in your wikipedia article, table below the third
paragraph.

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>> of the population of China was subject to the policy and there were as
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>> leaving aside laxness of enforcement.

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> | per woman in the early 1970s) to 1.5 by the mid 1990s.

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> | taking rapid economic development into account, China's fertility
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> | 2015, with the portion caused by one-child restrictions possibly
> | totaling 400 million.

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> And the figures would likely be much higher if no policy was in
> place. You had 1/2 billion people more in China otherwise.

Stop blustering laddie. I said the population of China is increasing.
You said that it was not increasing. You were wrong. Now why not
admit it and get on with life?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 01 Dec 2018 22:03:35 GMT
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On 2018-12-01, Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6:45:58 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:
>> The answer to it all, I would suggest, is
>> to make electricity a lot more expensive, and make automobiles a lot
>> more expensive to have in areas with public transport.

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> Why would one want to make electricity more expensive? That would hurt the
> economy, and make people poorer. Electricity can be produced in a carbon-free
> fashion, so making electricity more expensive is not required to reduce carbon
> emissions.

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> And of course people need to have automobiles.

Why?

> They just shouldn't use them

> every day to go to work. Gas rationing will take care of that, it worked during
> the war.

I remember the fuel crises in the 70's., at a stage of which gas ration cards were printed, just not used yet. The Mafia were discovered to have warehouses full of copies.

During the WWII (I suppose you mean?), cheaters were easily spotted, there were so few private cars on the road.

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> Obviously, if people can get to work by car, they can get to work by bus, since
> buses use the same streets as cars. The buses can be hydrogen-fuelled until
> trolley wires are put in.
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> John Savard

During the 70's too, there was a spoof article in an Irish newspaper about the government discovering how to make petrol out of peat, only problem was it took 2 gallons of real fuel to produce one gallon of peat-petrol.

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Maus@ireland.com
Will Rant For Food

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 02:18:54 GMT
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I understand that now, when they're trying to encourage population growth, the birthrate is staying low. Middle-class families would rather put the resources into raising and educating one child.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 02:18:56 GMT
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That's about getting gas by fracking.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 02:44:29 GMT

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On 30 Nov 2018 18:48:30 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-11-30, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>

>> On 29/11/2018 13:53, Peter Flass wrote:

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>>> Jefferson had the right idea. There's a lot of good in the Bible,
>>> surrounded by a lot of dross. He tok a razor, sliced out the good
>>> stuff, pasted it into a notebook, and tossed out the rest.

>>

>> Just about everything that jesus said was brilliant.

>> Then he died and someone spent the rest of the book building an
>> organisation and messed it all up.

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> God must be mightily pissed off at all the words people insist on
> putting into His mouth.

That is why I refuse to swear an oath in the name of God. If my word is not good enough, I hardly think dragging someone else into the matter will improve things.

From My Sig Collection:

"I swear to you, then," said Maclan. . . "I swear it by the god you have denied, by the Blessed Lady you have blasphemed; I swear it by the seven swords in her heart. I swear it by the Holy Island solaria where my fathers are, by the honour of my mother, by the secret of my people, and by the chalice of the Blood of God."

The Atheist drew up his head. "And I," he said, "give my word."

-- G.K. Chesterton, The Ball and the Cross (19xx)

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [usenet](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 08:10:13 GMT
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On Tue, 27 Nov 2018 15:40:27 -0500, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 08:27:45 GMT
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Originally posted by: Melzzzzz

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 08:44:27 GMT
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On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 08:27:45 GMT, Melzzzzzz <Melzzzzzz@zzzzzz.com> wrote:

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Or if people who are not scientists accept the word of scientists without question.

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 Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 08:56:22 GMT
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Originally posted by: Melzzzzz

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They accept propaganda without question as well...

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 09:13:01 GMT
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One should also note that the synthetic-fuel factories in Germany during WWII were rapidly closed down after the peace.

There is a call now for solar power plants to be erected in the Sahara and the power to be sent to Europe via power lines, but most critical studies seem to show it's uneconomic.

There were mobile gas plants for motor cars during WWII, one old man told me they were a sham, the cars would be running on a secret tank of petrol. The tiny gas thing just could not put out enough energy.

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Maus@ireland.com
Will Rant For Food

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 11:18:28 GMT
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On 2 Dec 2018 09:13:01 GMT
maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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> in Canada and Appalachia, pellinging them, and shipping them to power
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Yet I buy wood pellets made in Eniskillen from sustainable forestry in Ireland and the same outfit has a bigger plant in Scotland using locally grown wood.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith | Directable Mirror Arrays
C:\>WIN | A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see
You lose and Bill collects. | <http://www.sohara.org/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 11:38:05 GMT
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Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

On 02/12/2018 05:24, Dave Garland wrote:

> On 11/30/2018 12:48 PM, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

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> Part of the problem is, "God" is an undefined variable.

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> It's difficult to discuss pro or con, without a clear definition of what

> the term means. If it's an all-knowing white guy in a robe overseeing

> everything in detail, it's one thing. If it's the Big Bang, it's

> something entirely else.

It's not difficult but very easy to dismiss out of hand the make believe
of another.

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The religionist quoted above attempts to classify everyone in terms of his own world of make believe but those terms do not apply to those who do NOT live in the world of make-believe.

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The Euclidean Axioms do not make mathematics a religion.

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To power a vehicle you need an expansion. Liquids and solids expand on
burning but gasses are already expanded. A steam engine can be powered
by the heat from a burning gas - the water expands when it turns into
steam. Stirling engines can also use burning gasses, they expand a
second gas.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 12:58:43 GMT

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Axioms are chosen assumed truths from which can be derived logical
consequences - mathematicians are very much aware that they choose their
axioms. All mathematical proofs have an explicit "assuming \$AXIOM_SET" at
the beginning, mathematicians create new branches of mathematics by
investigating the effects of changing axioms and get interesting in proving
the equivalence of different axiom sets and seeking the simplest among them
and things like that.

So unless you consider the process of religious schism formation to
be similar to mathematicians exploring axiom sets (with added bloodshed) -
then no.

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Thinking on this, religion is the result of trying to rationalise our memories of emotional responses during that early stage of infancy when we were not cognisant of anything and therefore remember only the emotional response but not the experience that triggered it.

IMHO

YMMV

In addition, religion is the result of trying to imagine what it is like to be dead, which is fallacious because when dead there is no imagining!

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Aircraft fuel is a liquid. Air expands when heated through a thousand
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In this case the dogma is that mathematics is a subset of science. It is not, there is an area of intersection between them.

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Which "religionist" would that be? If you are talking about me, I see
the need for religions as one of the greatest flaws in humanity.
However that does not blind me to their existence or the fact that
when old ones go away new ones arise. However your dogmatic adherence
to your religion blinds you to its even being a religion.

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So all the people who believe Neil DeGrasse Tyson over, say, Kip Thorne, are doing so because of logic?

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 16:21:40 GMT

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Most of us accept science as provisionally correct.

New evidence can change our current theories.

So, unlike religion, there is no absolute truth in science,
only very useful theories and application.

Belief in logical consistence has been proven so far.

I'll continue to expect consistence until shown otherwise.

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with their accepted meaning.

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Dan Espen

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There is nothing warlike in behaving normally by dismissing make believe.

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> Nonsense. What you require is the ability to say "We don't know. And
> we may never know", rather than "This is magic".

Supernaturalists and their apologists play a shell game
with words such as idea, science, knowledge, and confidence.

Admit to one of them and you will soon find yourself under pressure to accept that it is the same as religion, belief, or faith.

Sowing semantic confusion is their only effective debating tactic, so they pursue it vigorously.

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Bill Findlay

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"In the beginning Man created God; and in the image of Man created he him."

-- Jethro Tull: Aqualung (rear cover)

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I think of it rather as the age-old divide between charlatans
and the gullible.

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A true scientist cheerfully subjects his theories to whatever tests
others may devise, and revises those theories as required to fit
observed facts. It's the charlatans who demand unquestioning
acceptance of their theories.

I would rather have questions that can't be answered
than answers that can't be questioned.
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On 2018-12-02, Gene Wirchenko <genew@telus.net> wrote:

> From My Sig Collection:
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> "I swear to you, then," said Maclan. . . "I swear it by the god you
> have denied, by the Blessed Lady you have blasphemed; I swear it by
> the seven swords in her heart. I swear it by the Holy Island solaria
> where my fathers are, by the honour of my mother, by the secret of my
> people, and by the chalice of the Blood of God."
> The Atheist drew up his head. "And I," he said, "give my word."
> -- G.K. Chesterton, The Ball and the Cross (19xx)

One of these days I really must read some G.K. Chesterton.
I keep seeing all these wonderful quotes of his.

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Did I mention aircraft fuel ? I explicitly said *gas* turbines such
as are used in power stations. Expansion is not the requirement though,
it's making the molecules move faster so when they hit things (turbine
blades, pistons, Wankel rotors ...) they impart energy.

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Really - so what do you call the assumption that the universe is
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<sigh> Why did you cut out the thing that you *must* believe in in
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Computer <headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:

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>>>>
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>>>> the term means. If it's an all-knowing white guy in a robe overseeing
>>>> everything in detail, it's one thing. If it's the Big Bang, it's
>>>> something entirely else.
>>>
>>> It's not difficult but very easy to dismiss out of hand the make believe
>>> of another.
>>
>> And so we have warx over ideology.
>>
>
> There is nothing warlike in behaving normally by dismissing make believe.

Until someone who believes in a different make believe from yours cuts
your throat.

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 2 Dec 2018 17:11:42 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
wrote:

> On 2018-12-02, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 08:27:45 GMT, Melzzzzz <Melzzzzz@zzzzz.com> wrote:
>>
>>> On 2018-12-02, Questor <usenet@only.tnx> wrote:
>>>
>>>> Science is indeed becoming the dominant religion, however your
>>>> distinction between science and Scientists et. al. is little more
>>>> than an argument between sects over which can lay claim to being
>>>> the one true faith.
>

> I think of it rather as the age-old divide between charlatans
> and the gullible.
>
>>> Science can be viewed as religion if there are unquestionable dogmas...
>>
>> Or if people who are not scientists accept the word of scientists
>> without question.
>
> A true scientist cheerfully subjects his theories to whatever tests
> others may devise, and revises those theories as required to fit
> observed facts. It's the charlatans who demand unquestioning
> acceptance of their theories.

How about the vast majority of the body politic who are not "true
scientists"?

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>> Plato was right.
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> New evidence can change our current theories.

Who is "us" exactly?

> So, unlike religion, there is no absolute truth in science,
> only very useful theories and application.
>

- > Belief in logical consistence has been proven so far.
- > I'll continue to expect consistence until shown otherwise.
- >
- > Calling science a religion betrays a failure to use words
- > with their accepted meaning.
- >
- > This science vs. Science is plain BS. There is a reason
- > we don't have a word for "Science" as it was defined here.

Yes, there is, it is that scientists don't seem to grasp the danger in their being placed on pedestals.

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A provisional conclusion supported by all known observation.

I'm really at a loss to understand the point.
We know that assuming logical consistency is useful.
Are you proposing that we no longer bother turning on the lights

because one day electricity may stop working?
You seem to be trying to prove that religion and science are the same thing. That's just nuts. One assumes that we can explain everything we don't understand by resorting to magic. The other looks for the best explanations based on observation. They look like opposites to me.

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Dan Espen

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You're right. Oh, except for the part where there is no such assumption. Past experience with modelling phenomena makes a logical argument that at least some phenomena are modellable, but we can't make any reasonable claims about **all** phenomena.

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Those of us that paid attention when we were taught what science is.
Apparently, you weren't in class that day.

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Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 20:28:45 GMT
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On 02/12/2018 17:13, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
> On Sun, 2 Dec 2018 14:47:31 +0000
> Andrew Swallow <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:
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>> On 02/12/2018 12:58, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
>>> On Sun, 2 Dec 2018 12:16:27 +0000
>>> Andrew Swallow <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:
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>>>> On 02/12/2018 09:13, maus wrote:
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>>>> old man
>>>> > told me they were a sham, the cars would be running on a secret
>>>> > tak of petrol. The tiny gas thing just could not put out enough
>>>> > energy.
>>>>
>>>> To power a vehicle you need an expansion. Liquids and solids expand on
>>>> burning but gasses are already expanded.
>>>
>>> Strange that gas turbines and gas fed internal combustion
>>> engines work then. You really don't need a phase change to power an
>>> engine, you just need an energy release and the means to convert it.
>>>

>> Aircraft fuel is a liquid. Air expands when heated through a thousand
>> degrees.
>
> Did I mention aircraft fuel ? I explicitly said *gas* turbines such
> as are used in power stations. Expansion is not the requirement though,
> it's making the molecules move faster so when they hit things (turbine
> blades, pistons, Wankel rotors ...) they impart energy.
>

Gas turbines are aircraft engines, although they can be used in power stations.

Quoting Wikipedia "... This high-temperature high-pressure gas enters a turbine, where it **expands** down to the exhaust pressure, producing a shaft work output in the process."

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gas_turbine>

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 21:10:04 GMT

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if it is false then there is no point in attempting to discern underlying
principles or create models of the universe.

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> the same thing.

I am trying to prove that science is no more provably correct than
religion and so the argument 'science is based on fact, religion is based
on believe therefore science is right and religion is hogwash' is in fact
hogwash.

Don't get me wrong, I believe that the univers is self consistent
and explicable by science - I just don't delude myself that I *know* this
to be the case and that no other answers are possible.

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Thanks. But how reliable is this source? Never heard of mutpl.com.

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The third paragraph says something about two-child policy and then comes the Content table. I don't see a table listing development of population anywhere.

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>> | totaling 400 million.

>>

>> And the figures would likely be much higher if no policy was in
>> place. You had 1/2 billion people more in China otherwise.

>

> Stop blustering laddie. I said the population of China is increasing.

> You said that it was _not_ increasing. You were wrong. Now why not

> admit it and get on with life?

If your source is right, I was wrong. But I never came across multpl.com
before and can't tell.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sun, 02 Dec 2018 21:32:47 GMT

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On Sat, 1 Dec 2018 23:26:11 -0600, Dave Garland wrote:

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> On 12/1/2018 4:03 PM, maus wrote:

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>> During the 70's too, there was a spoof article in an Irish newspaper

>> about the government discovering how to make petrol out of peat, only

>> problem was it took 2 gallons of real fuel to produce one gallon

>> of peat-petrol.

>>

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> Not unlike how the US treats corn (maize) derived ethanol today.

I read Brazil, although have few (or none) oil reserves, is almost self
sufficient by doing that.

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<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On 2 Dec 2018 09:13:01 GMT, maus wrote:

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>> One should also note that the synthetic-fuel factories in Germany during

>> WWII were rapidly closed down after the peace.

>>

>> There is a call now for solar power plants to be erected in the Sahara

>> and the power to be sent to Europe via power lines, but most critical

>> studies seem to show it's uneconomic.

>

> Germany for example has a lot of wind turbines planted in the North Sea

> since the early 2000s which covers a big part of her energy demand.

>

> < <https://www.cleanenergywire.org/factsheets/german-offshore-wind-power-output-business-and-perspectives> >

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> I suppose electricity from the Sahara could be sold to locations nearby

> instead.

Until some bored Arab decided that it offended Allah and blew it up.

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If we are not going to try to meet the IPCC objectives then why put any effort into doing _anything_? And if we are meeting the IPCC objectives the "other regions" will also have renewable energy so there won't be "other regions" to sell to. And if renewable is not reliable we won't be able to meet the IPCC objectives so we should be working on making it reliable. And that's going to mean something more than people putting photovoltaic panels on their roofs.

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< <https://www.flickr.com/photos/39383723@N00/46101937702/in/da-tetaken-public/>>

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>>> | totaling 400 million.
>>>
>>> And the figures would likely be much higher if no policy was in
>>> place. You had 1/2 billion people more in China otherwise.
>>
>> Stop blustering laddie. I said the population of China is increasing.
>> You said that it was _not_ increasing. You were wrong. Now why not
>> admit it and get on with life?
>
> If your source is right, I was wrong. But I never came across multpl.com
> before and can't tell.

So go with wikipedia.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 00:23:32 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 15:19:40 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
wrote:

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>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 11:21:40 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
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>>> Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> writes:
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>>>> On Sun, 2 Dec 2018 11:40:46 +0000
>>>> Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer <headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > The religionist quoted above attempts to classify everyone in terms of
>>>> > his own world of make believe but those terms do not apply to those who
>>>> > do NOT live in the world of make-believe.

>>>>
>>>> You do however require faith to believe in science - science is
>>>> based on the belief that the universe is logically consistent, there is no
>>>> way to prove that. Logic is no less a human construct than Zeus - unless
>>>> Plato was right.
>>>
>>> Most of us accept science as provisionally correct.
>>> New evidence can change our current theories.
>>
>> Who is "us" exactly?
>
> Those of us that paid attention when we were taught what science is.

Now, what percentage of the voting public and political leaders in the world today paid attention in that class? What percentage of them even _took_ that class? How do you believe _they_ make decisions concerning scientific matters?

> Apparently, you weren't in class that day.

Same to you. Apparently you missed the class where they were teaching how to have a rational discussion.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
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John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 02:12:27 GMT

On Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 8:35:21 AM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:

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- > the need for religions as one of the greatest flaws in humanity.

Some of the greatest flaws in humanity are certainly exhibited by some humans as a direct consequence of how their need for a religion has been *satisfied*.

I don't see having difficulty in accepting one's mortality, or hoping for eventual justice, or asking questions about what consciousness is, or when the Universe began... as among the greatest flaws in humanity.

Instead, xenophobia, bigotry, and so on - now, *those* are pretty big flaws - and *they* do tend to get associated with religious activity. But they're not related to the human _need_ for religion, in my opinion, so I don't think you have it quite right.

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- > Calling science a religion betrays a failure to use words
- > with their accepted meaning.

In that case, I shall attempt to use words carefully, as I do see the possibility of a doubleplusungood level of confusion arising from keeping words confined to a single accepted meaning in this fashion.

Legitimate science certainly is not a religion - it's a method of finding knowledge, and a body of knowledge open to change and revision.

It is precisely because unlike religion - or alchemy, or astrology - science didn't start out with a large body of dogma never to be examined again that it has achieved such an impressive level of success in explaining the physical world. This has given science an impressive reputation.

And when something achieves an impressive reputation, it may happen that there will come along imposters who will try to take advantage of it.

So a medical quack might come along, taking a drop of your blood, and putting it on a piece of blotting paper, and then putting it into an impressive apparatus with coils to subject it to radio waves... and then purport to diagnose your

ills.

Or someone else, having found a lack of success in interesting the people around him in the wisdom of the East as embodied in the Vedanta school of philosophy, might decide that claiming to have met long-haired Space Brothers from Venus would capture more attention, as it would sound more modern.

That sort of stuff, of course, is obviously _not_ science. But there are *other* ways to misuse science than that.

Science certainly strongly mitigates against some of the more obscurantist, fanatical, and literalist forms of religion, but that's not the same as saying that it disproves the existence of God.

Still less does our inability to come to grips with the nature of human consciousness imply that consciousness must be an illusion.

Instead of "The proper study of mankind is Man" (yes, stop gawking at that centerfold!) some seem to say that the proper study of mankind is _only_ those things which are amenable to scientific investigation, thus making philosophy, ethics, and presumably art and literature all harmful wastes of time.

And so there is such a thing as what is termed "scientism", which basically is science-as-a-religion. Scientism isn't what science really is, but unlike quackery dressed up to look like science, it's sufficiently close to science that it's an easy enough error to fall into, even for professional scientists.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 03:02:15 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sun, 2 Dec 2018 18:12:27 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

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> have it quite right.

If we didn't _need_ religion it would be much easier to get rid of.
But as soon as one is gone, another arises. Right now Science (or as you put it "scientism") is relatively harmless mostly because its priesthood hasn't for the most part figured out that it's a priesthood and hasn't used that to gain much political power. That might not always be the case. But we see new religions forming all over the place--Linuxism and Macism vs the mainstream is one example where new religions are forming. And compare the reasoning used by Star Trek fans explaining what goes on in the show with the reasoning used by the early Catholic theologians and you'll see that theology bears a startling resemblance to fanwank, or vice versa.

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going along with science is innovation ... as opposed to static
institutions working to preserve the status quo.

"wny nations fail"
[https://www.amazon.com/Why-Nations-Fail-Origins-Prosperity-e book/dp/B0058Z4NR8/](https://www.amazon.com/Why-Nations-Fail-Origins-Prosperity-e-book/dp/B0058Z4NR8/)

highlights that original purpose of patent office was to promote
innovation and protect individual inventors from corporations trying to
preserve the status quo and block innovation ... however it currently
has morphed into the exact opposite (being used by corporations for
"defensive patents" and maintaining status quo). also, pg33:

Between 1820 and 1845, only 19 percent of patentees in the United States
had parents who were professionals or were from recognizable major
landowning families. During the same period, 40 percent of those who
took out patents had only primary schooling or less, just like
Edison. Moreover, they often exploited their patent by starting a firm,
again like Edison. Just as the United States in the nineteenth century
was more democratic politically than almost any other nation in the
world at the time, it was also more democratic than others when it came

to innovation. This was critical to its path to becoming the most economically innovative nation in the world.

.... snip ...

and, The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future (Joseph E. Stiglitz)

<https://www.amazon.com/Price-Inequality-Divided-Society-Endangers-ebook/dp/B007MKCQ30/>

pg35/loc1169-73:

In business school we teach students how to recognize, and create, barriers to competition -- including barriers to entry -- that help ensure that profits won't be eroded. Indeed, as we shall shortly see, some of the most important innovations in business in the last three decades have centered not on making the economy more efficient but on how better to ensure monopoly power or how better to circumvent government regulations intended to align social returns and private rewards

.... snip ...

"We the Corporations: How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights"

<https://www.amazon.com/We-Corporations-American-Businesses-Rights-ebook/dp/B01M64LRDJ/>

goes into some detail about how in the birth of the country, corporations were originally intended to operate in public interest and in return given special privileges. Since then special interests have constantly worked on extending individual constitutional rights to corporations (companies as "people") ... operating in self-interest rather than the public interest.

recent "We the Corporations" posts:

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018c.html#52> We the Corporations: How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018c.html#54> We the Corporations: How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018c.html#94> Barb

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018d.html#46> Mission Command Is Swarm Intelligence

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018d.html#58> We must stop bad bosses using migrant labour to drive down wages

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018d.html#95> More Immigration

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018e.html#16> America Celebrates Lateral Move From Monarchy To Corporate Rule

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018e.html#36> OT: Trump

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018e.html#72> Top CEOs' compensation increased 17.6 percent in 2017

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018e.html#107> The LLC Loophole; In New York, where an LLC is legally a person
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018e.html#113> The Supreme Court Is Headed Back to the 19th Century
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#8> The LLC Loophole; In New York, where an LLC is legally a person, companies can use the vehicles to blast through campaign finance limits
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#9> A Tea Party Movement to Overhaul the Constitution Is Quietly Gaining
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#22> A Tea Party Movement to Overhaul the Constitution Is Quietly Gaining

inequality posts
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/submisc.html#inequality>

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virtualization experience starting Jan1968, online at home since Mar1970

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 07:01:37 GMT
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On 2018-12-02, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 2 Dec 2018 17:11:42 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
> wrote:
>
>> On 2018-12-02, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 08:27:45 GMT, Melzzzzzz <Melzzzzzz@zzzzzz.com> wrote:
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>>>> On 2018-12-02, Questor <usenet@only.tnx> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > Science is indeed becoming the dominant religion, however your
>>>> > distinction between science and Scientists et. al. is little more
>>>> > than an argument between sects over which can lay claim to being
>>>> > the one true faith.
>>>>
>>> I think of it rather as the age-old divide between charlatans
>> and the gullible.
>>
>>>> Science can be viewed as religion if there are unquestionable dogmas...
>>>
>>> Or if people who are not scientists accept the word of scientists
>>> without question.
>>
>> A true scientist cheerfully subjects his theories to whatever tests
>> others may devise, and revises those theories as required to fit

>> observed facts. It's the charlatans who demand unquestioning
>> acceptance of their theories.
>
> How about the vast majority of the body politic who are not "true
> scientists"?

They do a very good job of ducking any questions,
or bullying their way past them.

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)
\ / I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.
X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.
\ / Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 07:19:15 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 30/11/2018 21:40, Dan Espen wrote:

> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
>
>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 12:12:23 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> On 29/11/2018 14:36, J. Clarke wrote:
>>>
>>> So basically... Never underestimate the stupidity of intelligent people
>>> in large groups.
>>>
>>> I can't disagree with that.
>>
>> There seems to be this need in many if not most people to adopt
>> ideologies and follow authority figures, but the decision about which
>> ideology to adopt and what authority figure to follow is not always or
>> even usually rational. And having adopted an ideology they'll take
>> whatever the authority figure they have accepted says as being gospel
>> instead of examining the ideology and determining (1) whether what he
>> says is in accordance with the rules of the ideology and (2) whether
>> the ideology itself makes any sense.
>
> Love of authority is a right wing personality trait.

That statement is what happens when you reduce the complexities of
social order into a simple line.

We have had right wing and left wing governments with strong love of

authority and also the same with love of minimal governmental control.

I am more of a believer in the political compass where authoritarianism is disconnected from economics.

<<https://www.politicalcompass.org/>>

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 07:30:47 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 01/12/2018 13:45, maus wrote:

> The 1970's oil crises made a lot of those fashionable, so when my daughter
> came to getting a house of her own, I advised her to check out how the
> houses fitted with solar power in the 70's were getting on. Not one uses
> it now. The proposed Swansea tidal pool is attracting a lot of criticism,
> and nuclear has its problems. The answer to it all, I would suggest, is
> to make electricity a lot more expensive, and make automobiles a lot
> more expensive to have in areas with public transport.

70s solar power is a much different technology.

I have PV solar and it works just fine, I save a lot on power during the day and have quite a few days when I am a net supplier to the grid. It requires a few small changes like having my washing machine and tumble drier under the control of the solar controller but it all works fine for me.

On average I profit and I estimate that I am about 4 to 5 years from breaking even.

Even 70s solar water heating is outdated with modern solar vacuum tubes that work at very high efficiencies. Great if you have a stored hot water system.

Tidal is the only truly reliable renewable but it will require people to accept that it comes with an environmental cost of making huge dammed areas of coast.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 07:38:49 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 02/12/2018 09:13, maus wrote:

> There were mobile gas plants for motor cars during WWII, one old man
> told me they were a sham, the cars would be running on a secret
> tak of petrol. The tiny gas thing just could not put out enough
> energy.
>

if you are referring to wood gas generators then they are a real thing and they did work. In fact they were used in places where you could not get petrol. They were common in late WWII Germany where there was not easy access to oil and all oil went to the war effort. They were also used in occupied countries for non-military work where petrol was strictly rationed to civilians.

I know of an off gridder who uses a wood gas generator as a gas source for home heating. It works out a lot cheaper buying pelleted wood than having a large tank installed next to his house and a regular gas delivery.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 07:49:22 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 02/12/2018 05:24, Dave Garland wrote:

> On 11/30/2018 12:48 PM, Charlie Gibbs wrote:
>
>> God must be mightily pissed off at all the words people insist on
>> putting into His mouth.
>>
> Part of the problem is, "God" is an undefined variable.

God is an untyped variable that changes into whatever type is required whenever the need arises.

You want a peaceful loving god? A vengeful one? More than one? forgiveness? Hellfire and Brimstone? Peaceful? Angry? Keeps out of human affairs? Talks directly to people?
Yup all those and more, sometimes at the same time.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 07:59:24 GMT

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On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 16:10:04 -0500

Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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The whole thing scales of course - the bottom line is that we *could* run Ireland on solar with sufficient energy storage but it would be expensive. Throwing wind into the mix would reduce but certainly not eliminate the need for massive energy storage to keep things running.

The real problem is not one of generating enough energy, or even doing so economically it's doing so when the energy is needed for which there are only two basic options - generate on demand or store until needed. Currently we mostly do the former with a little of the latter, to effectively use intermittent sources there must either be storage or sufficient on-demand capacity to cover shortages.

Cheaper better batteries are what we need, the sooner the better. There are some indications that the best we have are just about good enough for bulk use but they're still too expensive and dependent on rare(ish) materials.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 08:05:10 GMT

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On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 16:33:48 -0500

Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> God(void)

```
Universe God(void) {
    void *universe;
    for (day = 0; day < 6; day++) {
        do_day(day, universe);
    }
    sleep(86400);
    return *universe;
}
```

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 09:23:15 GMT

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On 2018-12-03, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 16:10:04 -0500

> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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Dublin is not Kerry, I would bet my raincoat.

I had a cunning plan, when the children were young, I included it in a Xmas card. Cars would have tanks on top, to collect rainwater, which could be used, through a turbine to power the car. Wouldn't have worked this year, since May or so.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 09:32:26 GMT

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I love it when a space-aborring tabloid has a headline on the lines of;

"Scientists now say **** "

What it should say is

"People looking for grants now say, etc."

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Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 09:52:06 GMT

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There was a story, that a Cardinal in the Vatican heard of the deciphering of the Rosetta stone, he thought about it for a while, then said,

"Suppose that, when deciphered, all those old texts around the Middle East show that our knowledge of history, derived from the Bible, is all wrong?.."

With the implication that large numbers of 'experts' were charlatans.

Well, almost 200 years have passed, the recovered texts showed have shown that the Bible is 'largely wrong', yet billions still believe in it.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 12:13:16 GMT

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You would be wrong.

Mathematics is a self contained study of the logical consequences
of sets of axioms.

Science is a field of study that attempts to create models of the
universe and falsify them in order to make better ones.

Mathematics provides the tools scientists use to make those models.
This is not intentional generally, mathematicians are sometimes surprised
when some deeply abstract field turns out to be exactly the model some
scientist needed to construct a theory.

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Nicely said.

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True, North Kerry is slightly south of Dublin and gets slightly more
sun. Donegal OTOH has good surf.

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Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 14:16:00 GMT

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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

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>>> way to prove that. Logic is no less a human construct than Zeus - unless
>>> Plato was right.
>>
>> Most of us accept science as provisionally correct.
>> New evidence can change our current theories.
>
> Who is "us" exactly?

Everyone but you, apparently.

>
> Yes, there is, it is that scientists don't seem to grasp the danger in
> their being placed on pedestals.

More bullshit. Nobody is placing scientists on "pedastals".

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 14:16:42 GMT
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> Same to you. Apparently you missed the class where they were teaching
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The irony in your statement is palpable.

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 15:12:21 GMT
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Well, I did get frustrated at what appeared to be an advanced case of thick headedness. In JC's defense he seemed to migrate from claiming science is a religion to claiming some significant portion of the population believe in science without questioning it. Also claiming that this is "dangerous".

I'm familiar with the dangers of believing religious leaders.
History is full of examples.
Science, not so much.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 16:54:09 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On Sat, 01 Dec 2018 01:29:44 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:

> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:34:39 -0500, J. Clarke
> <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 19:11:45 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:
>>
>>> "What leads me to believe" etc. is the fact that anybody is still
>>> comfortable pointing a loaded word like "activists" at either side of
>>> the issue. Among other things.
>>
>> What is your objection to the word "activists"? What other word would
>> you prefer?
>
> Oh, you know. I am a Proponent, You are an Activist, He/She is a
> Fanatic. It's the kind of syntactic sparring that turns polite
> conversation into a shit slinging contest, and about as useful as
> arguing on the Internet.
>
>> <adds popcorn to shopping list>
>
> Ooh, popcorn. Extra buttery for me please.
>
> (Apropos of nothing, I've actually popped popcorn using solar power!

> Not saying it was efficient, but it did work.)

Some years ago, i.e. last century, I saw a short video, before youtube, of someone using a small portable solar oven to pop popcorn. He more vaporized it directly into ashes than popped it.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 17:02:39 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On 1 Dec 2018 18:47:45 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
> On 2018-12-01, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> On 1 Dec 2018 01:26:06 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
>> wrote:
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>>> On 2018-11-30, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 16:40:28 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
>>>> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > Some of us have zero respect for authority.
>>>>
>>>> I suspect you have a great deal of respect for authority, it's just
>>>> that those you consider to be authorities are different from those who
>>>> the Right would have you consider to be authorities.
>>>>
>>>> "Authority" in this context doesn't mean "establishment".
>>>
>>> If you want to be respected, you should behave respectably.
>>
>> So does "behaving respectably" lead to power as reliably as behaving
>> like, say, a politician?
>
> Apparently not. But who respects politicians?

I have met people who listen to everything their fave politician says, and takes it 'as Gospel'. I don't, I look at what they have done. Speeches don't typically impress me.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 17:05:31 GMT

Originally posted by: JimP

On Sat, 1 Dec 2018 11:08:51 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6:45:58 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:

>> The answer to it all, I would suggest, is

>> to make electricity a lot more expensive, and make automobiles a lot

>> more expensive to have in areas with public transport.

>

> Why would one want to make electricity more expensive? That would hurt the

> economy, and make people poorer. Electricity _can_ be produced in a carbon-free

> fashion, so making electricity more expensive is not required to reduce carbon

> emissions.

>

> And of course people need to have automobiles. They just shouldn't use them

> every day to go to work. Gas rationing will take care of that, it worked during

> the war.

>

> Obviously, if people can get to work by car, they can get to work by bus, since

> buses use the same streets as cars. The buses can be hydrogen-fuelled until

> trolley wires are put in.

>

> John Savard

I have never worked somewhere a bus went any where near where I lived or where I worked. One place suggested we take the buss if we could. I would have been two hours late every day because the bus service didn't start early enough for me to get to work. I couldn't fford to get fired, it was the best paying job I ever had, \$29 per hour.

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Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 17:06:49 GMT

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On Sat, 01 Dec 2018 16:02:53 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:49:03 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>>

>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:55:24 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>
>>> I think until fusion works (let's wait and see what happens when the big
>>> thingy in France starts working) wind and solar should be considered.
>>>
>>> I saw a report saying a small village in Portugal could power itself from
>>> renewables for five consecutive days as a record. But have many days over
>>> the year they don't need the grid
>>> < [https://qz.com/1245048/portugal-generated-enough-renewable-e
nergy-to-power-the-whole-country-in-march/](https://qz.com/1245048/portugal-generated-enough-renewable-energy-to-power-the-whole-country-in-march/)>.
>>>
>>> Sure they have a lot more sun than most other countries. But increasing
>>> the efficiency of photovoltaic-system should increase in the future.
>>
>> How does photovoltaic help me in the third night of a blizzard?
>
> Nothing. But blizzards don't come out of the blue (and I think they
> don't get much snow in Portugal I used in my example). So if it's known a
> blizzard is about to happen, alternative plants (and let it be coal
> plants) will be fired up.
>
> My example only shows that it is today already possible to use almost
> 100% renewables in certain regions. I would assume that should also work
> in Texas and other southern US-States. Although not in Saskatoon in
> Canada. At least not for months in the winter and early spring.

The sun angle is veery important in solar energy. How would Canada deal with that ?

--
Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 17:14:48 GMT
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On 2 Dec 2018 09:13:01 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
> On 2018-12-02, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>> On 2018-12-01, Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
>>> about the government discovering how to make petrol out of peat, only
>>> problem was it took 2 gallons of real fuel to produce one gallon
>>> of peat-petrol.
>>>
>>>

>>
>> That's about getting gas by fracking.
>>
>
> I was referring to the current fad of cutting vast numbers of scrub trees
> in Canada and Appalachia, pelling them, and shipping them to power
> electricity stations in the UK.
>
> One should also note that the synthetic-fuel factories in Germany during
> WWII were rapidly closed down after the peace.
>
> There is a call now for solar power plants to be erected in the Sahara
> and the power to be sent to Europe via power lines, but most critical
> studies seem to show it's uneconomic.
>
> There were mobile gas plants for motor cars during WWII, one old man
> told me they were a sham, the cars would be running on a secret
> tank of petrol. The tiny gas thing just could not put out enough
> energy.

Especially considering the depth of the Mediterranean Sea. Of course,
crossing the cables at either end would be shallower, but could lead
to other problems due to the countries it would have to go through.

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Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 17:20:40 GMT
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> Science has nothing to do with faith or belief; those are concepts of
> the religionist in her or his world of make-believe.

You have evidently not heard mumbled prayers during a Calculus 2 class
final exam.

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Jim

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 17:35:12 GMT
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On 2018-12-03, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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> On 02/12/2018 05:24, Dave Garland wrote:
>
>> On 11/30/2018 12:48 PM, Charlie Gibbs wrote:
>>
>>> God must be mightily pissed off at all the words people insist on
>>> putting into His mouth.
>>>
```

>> Part of the problem is, "God" is an undefined variable.
>
> God is an untyped variable that changes into whatever type is required
> whenever the need arises.
>
> You want a peaceful loving god? A vengeful one? More than one?
> forgiveness? Hellfire and Brimstone? Peaceful? Angry? Keeps out of human
> affairs? Talks directly to people?
> Yup all those and more, sometimes at the same time.

God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnibenevolent - it says so right here on the label. If you have a mind capable of believing all three of these divine attributes simultaneously, I have a wonderful bargain for you. No checks, please. Cash and in small bills.

-- Heinlein: The Notebooks of Lazarus Long

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 17:35:14 GMT

On 2018-12-03, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 30/11/2018 21:40, Dan Espen wrote:
>
>> Love of authority is a right wing personality trait.
>
> That statement is what happens when you reduce the complexities of
> social order into a simple line.
> We have had right wing and left wing governments with strong love of
> authority and also the same with love of minimal governmental control.
>
> I am more of a believer in the political compass where authoritarianism
> is disconnected from economics.
>
> <<https://www.politicalcompass.org/>>

Interesting site. My model consists of taking that straight line and bending its ends around so that they meet. As someone once pointed out, whether left- or right-wing, extremists all meet somewhere around on the dark side.

The Political Compass model is more detailed, although my circle would fit nicely around the inside of their box, and their examples would fall at various points on the circle.

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>> On Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 9:21:42 AM UTC-7, Dan Espen wrote:
>>
>>> Calling science a religion betrays a failure to use words
>>> with their accepted meaning.
>>
>>

>> And so there is such a thing as what is termed "scientism", which basically is
>> science-as-a-religion. Scientism isn't what science really is, but unlike
>> quackery dressed up to look like science, it's sufficiently close to science
>> that it's an easy enough error to fall into, even for professional scientists.

>>

>> John Savard

>

>

> There was a story, that a Cardinal in the Vatican heard of the deciphering
> of the Rosetta stone, he thought about it for a while, then said,

>

> "Suppose that, when deciphered, all those old texts around the Middle
> East show that our knowledge of history, derived from the Bible, is
> all wrong?.."

>

> With the implication that large numbers of 'experts' were charlatans.

>

> Well, almost 200 years have passed, the recovered texts showed have
> shown that the Bible is 'largely wrong', yet billions still believe
> in it.

Similar but different. Some years ago I was watching television
documentary on the translation of an ancient book of poems. Two panels
on opposite sides of a stage. One panel said this meant that, etc.

On the other side was an elderly man, who then stood up and mentioned
that he was only one of 5 people who were literate in the dialect
used, and none of them had written popular books, only peer reviewed
journals, etc. He stated that the author was talking about his times
and the royalty near him, but made it 'in the future' so they wouldn't
have him killed.

The poems in question were by one Nostradamus. The writers of the
popular books tried to claim the man who claimed he was literate in
that dialect, etc. was wrong.

Since then, I stopped my marginal viewing of such claims about
Nostradamus' works, and ignored them completely.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 18:39:25 GMT

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God works in mysterious ways.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith

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>>

>>> Aircraft fuel is a liquid. Air expands when heated through a thousand

>>> degrees.

>>

>> Did I mention aircraft fuel ? I explicitly said *gas* turbines

> Gas turbines are aircraft engines, although they can be used in power

> stations.

> Quoting Wikipedia "... This high-temperature high-pressure gas enters a

Yep aircraft engines are liquid fueled turbines because liquid fuels are far better for storage than gas fuels, not because you need a liquid to produce expansion which was your original claim (reproduced below), turbines work just fine when fueled with gas or liquid.

>>>> To power a vehicle you need an expansion. Liquids and solids expand on
>>>> burning but gasses are already expanded.

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JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

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Same as everywhere else - you have two choices fixed angle or tracking. These days fixed angle and more panel wins over tracking even before maintenance is considered - see obsoleted .sig :)

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I thoroughly enjoyed pure mathematics for it's own sake, such
wonderful constructs of abstraction and the way seemingly completely
different concepts turn out to be aspects of the same thing when viewed
correctly. Then I hit the bits of probability theory that come after
proving Bayes theorem and I couldn't wrap my head round it.

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It's bad luck to be superstitious :-)

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99% of us have to take a lot on faith, no matter how much scientists try to explain. I don't have the background to understand all of physics, chemistry, genetics, etc. Even scientists in other fields have to accept the accepted conclusions without necessarily understanding them. Unfortunately the days are long gone when a well educated person could be assumed to be capable of understanding all of nature.

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Pete

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Pete

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 20:08:02 GMT

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>> On Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 8:32:26 AM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:

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>>> In this case the dogma is that mathematics is a subset of science. It

>>> is not, there is an area of intersection between them.

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>> Mathematics is a tool used by science, but some people do make a distinction

>> between mathematics and science. Science can be wrong; mathematics can be

>> incorrect when a mathematician makes a mistake, but absent error, mathematics

>> can never be wrong, because it doesn't assert anything about the real world.
>
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>
> Could I suggest that the above is meaningless?

You could, but IMNSHO you would be wrong. Many branches of mathematics have been proven useful in understanding parts of the real world, but that's not what mathematics is ABOUT. Other branches of mathematics that were believed to have no practical use have turned out to have, and still others have not (yet).

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>>
>> That the real world so behaves that mathematics is "unreasonably effective" is
>> the recurring miracle that gives scientists the faith they need to persevere in
>> their work.
>>
>> John Savard
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>
> I love it when a space-abhorring tabloid has a headline on the lines of;
> "Scientists now say **** "
>
> What it should say is
>
> "People looking for grants now say, etc."
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>>>> On 02/12/2018 09:13, maus wrote:
>>>> {snip}> There were mobile gas plants for motor cars during WWII, one
>>>> old man
>>>> > told me they were a sham, the cars would be running on a secret
>>>> > tak of petrol. The tiny gas thing just could not put out enough
>>>> > energy.
>>>>
>>>> To power a vehicle you need an expansion. Liquids and solids expand on
>>>> burning but gasses are already expanded.
>>>
>>> Strange that gas turbines and gas fed internal combustion
>>> engines work then. You really don't need a phase change to power an
>>> engine, you just need an energy release and the means to convert it.
>>>
>> Aircraft fuel is a liquid. Air expands when heated through a thousand
>> degrees.
>
> Did I mention aircraft fuel ? I explicitly said *gas* turbines such
> as are used in power stations. Expansion is not the requirement though,
> it's making the molecules move faster so when they hit things (turbine
> blades, pistons, Wankel rotors ...) they impart energy.
>

MIT ion engine powers a model plane without any moving parts. The air is
sped up by ionization to deliver thrusr.

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> On Sat, 1 Dec 2018 23:26:11 -0600, Dave Garland wrote:
>>
>> On 12/1/2018 4:03 PM, maus wrote:
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>>> During the 70's too, there was a spoof article in an Irish newspaper
>>> about the government discovering how to make petrol out of peat, only
>>> problem was it took 2 gallons of real fuel to produce one gallon
>>> of peat-petrol.
>>>
>>
>> Not unlike how the US treats corn (maize) derived ethanol today.
>

> I read Brazil, although have few (or none) oil reserves, is almost self
> sufficient by doing that.

At the expense of deforesting the Amazon to grow sugar cane.

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> On Sat, 1 Dec 2018 11:08:51 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca>
> wrote:
>> On Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6:45:58 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:
>>> The answer to it all, I would suggest, is
>>> to make electricity a lot more expensive, and make automobiles a lot
>>> more expensive to have in areas with public transport.
>>
>> Why would one want to make electricity more expensive? That would hurt the
>> economy, and make people poorer. Electricity _can_ be produced in a carbon-free
>> fashion, so making electricity more expensive is not required to reduce carbon
>> emissions.
>>
>> And of course people need to have automobiles. They just shouldn't use them
>> every day to go to work. Gas rationing will take care of that, it worked during
>> the war.
>>
>> Obviously, if people can get to work by car, they can get to work by bus, since
>> buses use the same streets as cars. The buses can be hydrogen-fuelled until
>> trolley wires are put in.
>>
>> John Savard
>
> I have never worked somewhere a bus went any where near where I lived
> or where I worked. One place suggested we take the buss if we could. I
> would have been two hours late every day because the bus service
> didn't start early enough for me to get to work. I couldn't fford to
> get fired, it was the best paying job I ever had, \$29 per hour.
>

That's been my experience with buses as well. I took a city bus in high school, but only because I could ride into town with my parents to catch a bus on a reasonable schedule. Too bad, too. I favor public transportation, but it needs to be able to compete with private cars in some combination of cost and convenience.

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> On 03/12/2018 17:19, JimP wrote:
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>> Or to explain things like thunderstorms, earthquakes, rising and
>> setting of sun and moon, etc.
>
> It's bad luck to be superstitious :-)

If I remember correctly, a lot of all this was debated after the Lisbon Earthquake, 1755, which destroyed a large part of the city. The governor of the city decided that all the dead bodies would have to be burned, which the Church denounced, as cremation was forbidden to Catholics at the time.

He persisted, and the remaining population was spared from plague, the next thing after large-scale deaths then, as large amounts of rotting bodies would pollute the water supply.

Someone I know started to die last year, was brought back by chest pumping a couple of times. If there is a future life, what would that have felt like?.

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Maus@ireland.com
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The chinese make a small solar cooker, for areas where there is little
available fuel. It is supposed to stop burning the few bushes available.

One of the books I read years ago about the settling of the great Plains
said that the earlier settlers depended on dried animal droppings for
fuel, old sheep pens could be fought over. (I presume 'animal' included
humans)

(I should have kept some of those poor quality paperbacks. The original
settlers were in most cases still alive, or their children)

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 20:37:42 GMT

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On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 11:43:56 -0600

JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

- > Since then, I stopped my marginal viewing of such claims about
- > Nostradamus' works, and ignored them completely.

There is precisely one of his predictions that caused me some trouble and I have no idea how accurately it was translated into a song lyric by Al Stewart in 1973 as "A great wall that divides a city at this time is cast aside". Sometime around 1980, after that song had played and talk had turned to the predictions of Nostradamus, I said I'd think about taking it seriously if the Berlin wall came down - there was much laughter as that was clearly never going to happen. Less than ten years later "cast aside" seemed like a very apt description.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith		Directable Mirror Arrays
C:\>WIN		A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins.		licences available see
You lose and Bill collects.		http://www.sohara.org/

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 21:13:48 GMT

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Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

On 03/12/2018 20:08, Peter Flass wrote:

- > Oh, give it a rest Gareth.
- >

How rude!

Physician, heal thyself.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 21:17:49 GMT

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On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 18:33:21 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 16:29:46 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>
>> I suppose electricity from the Sahara could be sold to locations nearby
>> instead.
>
> Until some bored Arab decided that it offended Allah and blew it up.

But there are already vast solar power stations spread across the Arab world and not blown up. At least the United *Arab* Emirates have some of the largest in the Arab world.

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Andreas

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What are these costs? Once in place they should be "green", no?

>>> If you believe that electric utilities will keep massive plant
>>> capacity offline and ready to start to provide service for one week
>>> out of the year, you are mistaken. Those plants will be shut down,
>>> dismantled, and sold for scrap and the land on which they sit will be
>>> diverted to other purposes.

>>

>> I don't say that. Today there are very few examples showing they can
>> sustain their demands purely from renewables, *if* the conditions are
>> right. As long as this is not reliable they cannot dismantle backup
>> systems, although they might sit idle for some time and burning
>> money. Otherwise they could sell their electricity to other regions and
>> not sit idle.

>

> If we are not going to try to meet the IPCC objectives

I had to look it up, it stands for "Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change".

> then why put any effort into doing _anything_? And if we are meeting
> the IPCC objectives the "other regions" will also have renewable energy
> so there won't be "other regions" to sell to. And if renewable is not
> reliable we won't be able to meet the IPCC objectives so we should be
> working on making it reliable. And that's going to mean something more
> than people putting photovoltaic panels on their roofs.

Not sure if IPCC objectives should be considered.

What I wanted to point out that the final goal should be to be green some day in the future.

Within the years renewable forms of energy production should become cheaper. You "only" have to put them into place. Until they can reliably provide 100% or more of the demand, other "dirty" power stations must be available.

Governments should have the power to enforce that even if the "dirty" plant does not work economically for the sake that renewables will completely and reliably and take over in the future.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 21:52:40 GMT
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I think there is some sort of dispute with Labrador as well.

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That angle gets obvious when you try to receive really Free TV (Rather than Freeview). The line to the satellite is barely over the horizon.

>

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- > energy from renewables. The question remains of course if it's worth it.

I have installed at least three solar security lights at the front door, the receiver of one of the ones that died is still there, and a green light comes on when it is producing power. Not very often these Winter days.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Mon, 03 Dec 2018 22:04:32 GMT

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On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 11:06:49 -0600, JimP wrote:

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>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:49:03 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>

>>> How does photovoltaic help me in the third night of a blizzard?

>>

>> Nothing. But blizzards don't come out of the blue (and I think they
>> don't get much snow in Portugal I used in my example). So if it's known a
>> blizzard is about to happen, alternative plants (and let it be coal
>> plants) will be fired up.

>>

>> My example only shows that it is today already possible to use almost
>> 100% renewables in certain regions. I would assume that should also work
>> in Texas and other southern US-States. Although not in Saskatoon in
>> Canada. At least not for months in the winter and early spring.

>

> The sun angle is very important in solar energy. How would Canada
> deal with that ?

The US-Canadian border runs mostly on 49th parallel north. That's about

the same where you find Paris in France. And most Canadian cities are not more than 200 kilometers locate north to that parallel.

Also compare Boston in the US with Lyon in France which lay on approximately the same parallel. They have palm trees in Lyon and further south.

Of course Paris and most of continental Europe have the influence of the Gulf Stream. Thus solar energy does not yield the results in Canada like it would have in Europe due to the snow cover in Canada.

Canada could use more wind turbines instead which still work when the area is covered in snow.

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>>>> > putting into His mouth.
>>>> >
>>>> Part of the problem is, "God" is an undefined variable.
>>>>
>>>> It's difficult to discuss pro or con, without a clear definition of
>>>> what
>>>> the term means. If it's an all-knowing white guy in a robe overseeing
>>>> everything in detail, it's one thing. If it's the Big Bang, it's
>>>> something entirely else.
>>>
>>> It's not difficult but very easy to dismiss out of hand the make believe
>>> of another.
>>
>> And so we have warx over ideology.
>>

>
> There is nothing warlike in behaving normally by dismissing make believe.
>
However, there is something warlike in implying that anyone who disagrees with you is a fool.

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For me? My 12-panel rig will produce more than I use annually, and will pay for itself in seven years. But then, we get over 260 sunny days a year (37 degrees N) here.

<https://www.efficientenergysaving.co.uk/solar-irradiance-calculator.html>

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I used the bus every month when I lived in Indianapolis. There was a stop only a mile from my apartment, and the bus unloaded on the Circle where the stores were. I kept intending to go to the new mall outside town, and buying a transfer, but when I got off the bus in front of J.C. Penny, I threw the transfer away and went in.

But I needed a car whenever I had a job. I couldn't drive yet, so my husband would drop me off on his way to his job. If the call for a sub came in before he left.

Learning how to ride (not BALANCE, RIDE!) a bike was like getting out of jail. But there are no cycling schools, so I earned a driver's license to pick up the fine points. (Such as, a green light doesn't mean "go", it means "You may enter the intersection IFF it is, in your considered opinion, safe to enter the intersection.")

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 00:44:22 GMT
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Obviously, you as an individual must do the best you can, and you're not to blame if there is inadequate transit service where you live.

However, there's this thing called "city hall" that could *change* that, if it cared to.

John Savard

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> if it cared to.

Around here, city hall's solution is to build lots of high-density
residential units around transit lines. If you live there, great.
Otherwise, too bad, so sad.

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Yes, and then that pesky population growth increases the demand to where
you have to get those dirty power stations out of mothballs to keep up.

The planet doesn't care about per-capita consumption, only total consumption.

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 16:17:49 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 18:33:21 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
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>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 16:29:46 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
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>>> I suppose electricity from the Sahara could be sold to locations nearby
>>> instead.
>>
>> Until some bored Arab decided that it offended Allah and blew it up.
>
> But there are already vast solar power stations spread across the Arab
> world and not blown up.

Yet.

> At least the United *Arab* Emirates have some of
> the largest in the Arab world.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 02:07:15 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 3 Dec 2018 13:08:05 -0700, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com>
wrote:

> JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
>> On Sat, 1 Dec 2018 11:08:51 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca>
>> wrote:
>>> On Saturday, December 1, 2018 at 6:45:58 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:
>>>> The answer to it all, I would suggest, is
>>>> to make electricity a lot more expensive, and make automobiles a lot
>>>> more expensive to have in areas with public transport.
>>>
>>> Why would one want to make electricity more expensive? That would hurt the
>>> economy, and make people poorer. Electricity can be produced in a carbon-free
>>> fashion, so making electricity more expensive is not required to reduce carbon
>>> emissions.
>>>
>>> And of course people need to have automobiles. They just shouldn't use them
>>> every day to go to work. Gas rationing will take care of that, it worked during

>>> the war.
>>>
>>> Obviously, if people can get to work by car, they can get to work by bus, since
>>> buses use the same streets as cars. The buses can be hydrogen-fuelled until
>>> trolley wires are put in.
>>>
>>> John Savard
>>
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> That's been my experience with buses as well. I took a city bus in high
> school, but only because I could ride into town with my parents to catch a
> bus on a reasonable schedule. Too bad, too. I favor public transportation,
> but it needs to be able to compete with private cars in some combination of
> cost and convenience.

I spent a year working in an inner-city jobs center. A common lament was that an employer flat out told the applicant that they would not hire them because they had had bad experience with attendance of employees who had to rely on public transportation.

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> cared to.

And it's not going to run a 40 seat "trolley bus" on a route where it is going to average two riders a trip. Nor is that efficient.

Buses only make sense where there's enough ridership to keep them fairly full.

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 16:31:46 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 18:39:23 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 16:10:04 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>>> On Sat, 01 Dec 2018 16:25:15 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>

>>>> To apply the fix for "global warming" that the IPCC recommends, we
>>>> have to do more than solar panels in Portugal. We have to cut out
>>>> fossil fuel use _everywhere_ except in cases where there simply is no
>>>> other option.

>>>

>>> I agree. Again, this example just shows that when the perfect conditions
>>> are present (lots of sun, lots of panels) it is one way to go. Still it
>>> doesn't work all the time so backup plans must be available. You can
>>> still be "green" if this backup plan is hydro electric, wind or nuclear.

>>>

>>> Apropos hydro. AFAIK the province of Quebec in Canada had two nuclear
>>> plants but shut one down because there is no need having hydro
>>> electric. Producing so much electricity a part of it is sold to the US.

>>

>> Yes, Quebec is well equippepd with hydro power--I've taken the tour of
>> Manic 5. But the ability to expand hydro power is rather
>> limited--there have to be suitable sites available. And it is not
>> without its own environmental costs.

>

> What are these costs? Once in place they should be "green", no?

Flooding behind, reduced flow in front, transit problems for fish,
among others.

>>>> If you believe that electric utilities will keep massive plant
>>>> capacity offline and ready to start to provide service for one week
>>>> out of the year, you are mistaken. Those plants will be shut down,
>>>> dismantled, and sold for scrap and the land on which they sit will be
>>>> diverted to other purposes.

>>>

>>> I don't say that. Today there are very few examples showing they can
>>> sustain their demands purely from renewables, *if* the conditions are
>>> right. As long as this is not reliable they cannot dismantle backup
>>> systems, although they might sit idle for some time and burning
>>> money. Otherwise they could sell their electricity to other regions and
>>> not sit idle.

>>

>> If we are not going to try to meet the IPCC objectives

>

> I had to look it up, it stands for "Intergovernmental Panel on Climate
> Change".

If you had to look up IPCC you probably shouldn't be arguing about
environmental issues.

>> then why put any effort into doing _anything_? And if we are meeting
>> the IPCC objectives the "other regions" will also have renewable energy
>> so there won't be "other regions" to sell to. And if renewable is not
>> reliable we won't be able to meet the IPCC objectives so we should be
>> working on making it reliable. And that's going to mean something more
>> than people putting photovoltaic panels on their roofs.

>

> Not sure if IPCC objectives should be considered.

In that case we don't need to be doing anything. All of the "global
warming" hysteria comes from IPCC. If they did not exist nobody would
be paying any attention to it.

> What I wanted to point out that the final goal should be to be green some
> day in the future.

To what purpose if we are disregarding anthropogenic global warming?

> Within the years renewable forms of energy production should become
> cheaper. You "only" have to put them into place. Until they can reliably
> provide 100% or more of the demand, other "dirty" power stations must be
> available.

>

> Governments should have the power to enforce that even if the "dirty"
> plant does not work economically for the sake that renewables will
> completely and reliably and take over in the future.

And the poor get screwed again.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 02:17:59 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 3 Dec 2018 07:01:37 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

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> On 2018-12-02, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> On 2 Dec 2018 17:11:42 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
>> wrote:
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>>> On 2018-12-02, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 08:27:45 GMT, Melzzzzz <Melzzzzz@zzzzz.com> wrote:
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>>>> > On 2018-12-02, Questor <usenet@only.tnx> wrote:
>>>> >
>>>> >> Science is indeed becoming the dominant religion, however your
>>>> >> distinction between science and Scientists et. al. is little more
>>>> >> than an argument between sects over which can lay claim to being
>>>> >> the one true faith.
>>>
>>> I think of it rather as the age-old divide between charlatans
>>> and the gullible.
>>>
>>>> > Science can be viewed as religion if there are unquestionable dogmas...
>>>>
>>>> Or if people who are not scientists accept the word of scientists
>>>> without question.
>>>
>>> A true scientist cheerfully subjects his theories to whatever tests
>>> others may devise, and revises those theories as required to fit
>>> observed facts. It's the charlatans who demand unquestioning
>>> acceptance of their theories.
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>> How about the vast majority of the body politic who are not "true
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And this is a good thing because?

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> Could I suggest that the above is meaningless?

It's actually quite accurate. Mathematics has no necessary correlation with the physical universe. Take a graduate level algebra course where you design arbitrary algebraic systems and you'll see what I mean.

There are some mathematical systems that are useful in physics and engineering. That they are so is sometimes the result of their origin but other times it seems like blind coincidence.

>> That the real world so behaves that mathematics is "unreasonably effective" is
>> the recurring miracle that gives scientists the faith they need to persevere in
>> their work.
>>
>> John Savard
>
>
> I love it when a space-aborring tabloid has a headline on the lines of;
> "Scientists now say *****"
>
> What it should say is

>
> "People looking for grants now say, etc."

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 10:12:21 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

> scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal) writes:
>
>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
>>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 15:19:40 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
>>
>>>> Apparently, you weren't in class that day.
>>>
>>> Same to you. Apparently you missed the class where they were teaching
>>> how to have a rational discussion.
>>
>> The irony in your statement is palpable.
>
> Well, I did get frustrated at what appeared to be an advanced case
> of thick headedness. In JC's defense he seemed to migrate from
> claiming science is a religion to claiming some significant portion
> of the population believe in science without questioning it.
> Also claiming that this is "dangerous".
>
> I'm familiar with the dangers of believing religious leaders.
> History is full of examples.
> Science, not so much.

I have not claimed that science is a religion. I have claimed that Science is a religion. Others call that religion "scientism" but when I use that term I tend to get tuned out. When I call it Science at least people argue enough that some of them start to think.

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Well if it's not good then why are you acting like you're OK with them
accepting science without question?

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 06:25:57 GMT
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All one needs is an absolute bipartisan commitment to fix that, no matter what
it costs. Assume gas rationing, so that *no one*, no matter how wealthy, can get
to work regularly _except_ by means of public transportation, and the problem is
solved.

Except, of course, for the economy being completely shut down between when gas
rationing starts, and the transit services are in place, so advance notice may
be advisable.

All that is required is the political will and an admission that global warming
is a problem.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 08:09:25 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 03/12/2018 17:35, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

> On 2018-12-03, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

>

>> Mathematics provides the tools scientists use to make those models.

>> This is not intentional generally, mathematicians are sometimes surprised

>> when some deeply abstract field turns out to be exactly the model some

>> scientist needed to construct a theory.

>

> I remember my delight at being shown how complex numbers can be used

> when calculating electrical impedances. It was a nice break from my

> growing despair at not being able to tie mathematics to the Real World.

IME in engineering mathematics the lecturers make you suffer and then introduce you to the easy way of doing things after you have suffered enough.

I still recall spending all day on an assignment with multi-order simultaneous equations then going in the next day with a very hard fought correct answer to be taught the Gaussian elimination method that did it in minutes.

Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 08:22:42 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 03/12/2018 21:42, Peter Flass wrote:

> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>> What are these costs? Once in place they should be "green", no?

>>

>

> Apparently hydro is no longer considered green. Got to protect the Snail

> Darters, after all.

This is the problem with a lot of green energy. They have renewable green fuel, effectively free but require the destruction of large areas of an ecosystem.

With fossil fuels we can change the entire planet or with green energy

we can change a small part. All solutions require some change but sadly there are vocal groups who hand wring at climate change but then oppose any solution that generates energy renewably.

Can't win.

I live in Scotland where we can generate all our energy reliably and consistently from tidal power but that would require huge barrages or even blocking off sea lochs and that causes an outcry every time they are suggested.

We have stored a hydro power system where water is pumped uphill from one loch to another and is used as a battery in times of peak demand. We no longer plan to make other hydro schemes due to green issues

Andy

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AFAIK, the only worthwhile backup power stations are one using natural gas.
Coal based one would take to long to startup.

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There is a large city to the east of me. It lights up the night with, mostly street lighting.

Again, back to the 1970's petrol crises, after the collapse of the US attempt to produce ration cards, I saw a cartoon, depicting a hand holding a "Unbreakable" ration card, a \$10 dollar bill.

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My point is that the excerpt said that mathematics cannot be wrong, unless someone made a mistake. You would have to examine, very carefully, to see if there is no error. Most of the models that we are discussing are incredibly obscure.

There are presently prophecies that the coming Winter will be the coldest in 100 years, because of the fall in solar activity.

I look forward to witchdoctors sacrificing virgins to the gods of the weather. I wonder where such virgins are to be found. Perhaps we should sacrifice witchdoctors instead.

"All Cretans are Liars"

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Ever hear of Christian Scientists?.. When I was young, I was told that the sect published a newspaper that was the only reliable source of news in the US.

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That is correct.

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Indeed which is why logical rigor is one of the first things mathematicians learn.

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No matter how obscure and complex any piece of mathematics is amenable to validation step by step. What you can't do is prove that the mathematics has any relationship to the real world.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 13:37:59 GMT

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Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

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>> not to blame if there is inadequate transit service where you live.
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>> However, there's this thing called "city hall" that could *change* that,
>> if it cared to.
>
> Around here, city hall's solution is to build lots of high-density
> residential units around transit lines. If you live there, great.
> Otherwise, too bad, so sad.
>

That's THE solution if you want people to use public transportation. That's how development of cities used to proceed - the traction company built or extended a streetcar line, and then housing and development would stretch out along the line. Look at the old photos of Ford's Willow Run plant or GE's Schenectady plant. Lines of streetcars would be stacked up loading or unloading employees.

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Pete

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 13:38:00 GMT
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Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
> On Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:07:17 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:
>
>> I spent a year working in an inner-city jobs center. A common lament
>> was that an employer flat out told the applicant that they would not
>> hire them because they had had bad experience with attendance of
>> employees who had to rely on public transportation.

>
> All one needs is an absolute bipartisan commitment to fix that, no matter what
> it costs. Assume gas rationing, so that *no one*, no matter how wealthy, can get
> to work regularly _except_ by means of public transportation, and the problem is
> solved.

You'll get more google busses. They carry enough people to qualify as mass transit, but in no way are they public.

>
> Except, of course, for the economy being completely shut down between when gas
> rationing starts, and the transit services are in place, so advance notice may
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Replacing current lighting with LEDs will not only drastically cut power

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>
> Again, back to the 1970's petrol crises, after the collapse of the US attempt
> to produce ration cards, I saw a cartoon, depicting a hand holding a
> "Unbreakable" ration card, a \$10 dollar bill.
>
>

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 13:38:02 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
> On 3 Dec 2018 09:32:26 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>
>> On 2018-12-03, Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
>>> On Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 8:32:26 AM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:
>>>> In this case the dogma is that mathematics is a subset of science. It
>>>> is not, there is an area of intersection between them.
>>>
>> [
>>
>>> Mathematics is a tool used by science, but some people do make a distinction
>>> between mathematics and science. Science can be wrong; mathematics can be
>>> incorrect when a mathematician makes a mistake, but absent error, mathematics
>>> can never be wrong, because it doesn't assert anything about the real world.
>>
>>]
>>
>> Could I suggest that the above is meaningless?
>
> It's actually quite accurate. Mathematics has no necessary
> correlation with the physical universe. Take a graduate level algebra
> course where you design arbitrary algebraic systems and you'll see what
> I mean.
>
> There are some mathematical systems that are useful in physics and
> engineering. That they are so is sometimes the result of their origin
> but other times it seems like blind coincidence.

AFAIK, calculus was the last branch of mathematics that was invented specifically to solve real-world problems.

>
>>> That the real world so behaves that mathematics is "unreasonably effective" is
>>> the recurring miracle that gives scientists the faith they need to persevere in
>>> their work.
>>>
>>> John Savard
>>
>>
>> I love it when a space-abhorring tabloid has a headline on the lines of;
>> "Scientists now say **** "
>>
>> What it should say is
>>
>> "People looking for grants now say, etc."
>

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:32:53 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 17:04:32 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 11:06:49 -0600, JimP wrote:
>>
>> On Sat, 01 Dec 2018 16:02:53 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:49:03 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
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>>> in Texas and other southern US-States. Although not in Saskatoon in
>>> Canada. At least not for months in the winter and early spring.

>>

>> The sun angle is veery important in solar energy. How would Canada
>> deal with that ?

>

> The US-Canadian border runs mostly on 49th parallel north. That's about
> the same where you find Paris in France. And most Canadian cities are not
> more than 200 kilometers locate north to that parallel.

>

> Also compare Boston in the US with Lyon in France which lay on
> approximately the same parallel. They have palm trees in Lyon and
> further south.

>

> Of course Paris and most of continental Europe have the influence of the
> Gulf Stream. Thus solar energy does not yield the results in Canada like
> it would have in Europe due to the snow cover in Canada.

>

> Canada could use more wind turbines instead which still work when the
> area is covered in snow.

That is about what I expected. Thanks for the info.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:40:03 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Mon, 3 Dec 2018 16:44:22 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca>
wrote:

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I had a car, so I drove that. I think my boss did look up bus routes, and found that most of us, out of 8 in the department, weren't on any bus routes. And those 2 or 3 that were, they would likely have never been to work on time.

--
Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:45:05 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On 4 Dec 2018 09:40:53 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
> On 2018-12-04, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 10:12:21 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
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> Ever hear of Christian Scientists?.. When I was young, I was told
> that the sect published a newspaper that was the only reliable
> source of news in the US.

I have been told they believe that they don't need to go to the doctor for illnesses. I keep wondering why they haven't died out.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 17:00:30 GMT
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On Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:38:00 AM UTC-7, Peter Flass wrote:

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- > in one suburb and work in another. There's no good way to support this mesh
- > with public transportation. We need to start recentralizing, with offices
- > in the central city and manufacturing clustered so that public transit can
- > work.

People live in suburbs so that their children might be safe when going to school.

To fix America's transportation problems, therefore, one would first have to fix a rather *more* intractable problem.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Alfred Falk](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 17:17:27 GMT
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JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote in
news:1koa0e1nb6d7sit0orfi97qb8mh77qvd9f@4ax.com:

- > On Sat, 01 Dec 2018 16:02:53 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
- > <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
- >> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 18:49:03 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
- >>>
- >>> On Fri, 30 Nov 2018 15:55:24 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
- >>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
- >>>
- >>>> I think until fusion works (let's wait and see what happens when the
- >>>> big thingy in France starts working) wind and solar should be
- >>>> considered.
- >>>>
- >>>> I saw a report saying a small village in Portugal could power itself
- >>>> from renewables for five consecutive days as a record. But have many
- >>>> days over the year they don't need the grid
- >>>> < [https://qz.com/1245048/portugal-generated-enough-renewable-e nergy-to-](https://qz.com/1245048/portugal-generated-enough-renewable-energy-to-power-the-whole-country-in-march/)
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- >>>>
- >>>> Sure they have a lot more sun than most other countries. But
- >>>> increasing the efficiency of photovoltaic-system should increase in
- >>>> the future.
- >>>
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> deal with that ?

I live at 53.5 N in Canada. That is about the same latitude as Dublin and the north coast of Germany. A church near me with a large steep south-facing roof put up a solar array last year. They meet most of their electrical needs year-round and and sell to the grid much of the time from March to September. While we have a relatively dry climate it is certainly not cloud-free and that is a a significant factor in performance of the array.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 17:25:10 GMT
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On 2018-12-04, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
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Self-explanatory?

Back in the 1950's, the Uk invited West Inians to come to the Uk, for basic jobs, like cleaners, bus-drivers, etc. There was never anything about visas, just come. I lived near some in London, back when, good people.

Their children grew up, and were treated in the usual way, vaccinated in school, then, when it came to be treated by the NHS, some had problems, That was even before Mrs. Rudd decided that they should be deported. Some said that they had never attended a doctor.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered om any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 19:36:18 GMT

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> source of news in the US.

I have photos of a "First Church of Christ, Scientist", along with photos of a Second and a Fourth. I never did find a Third.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 19:36:19 GMT
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Yup. I'm ready for it, and I won't even need transit - I'll just hop on this pig I have here and fly wherever I want.

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>> street lighting.
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Agreed. I recently replaced the sodium lights in our hangar complex with LED fixtures. Despite their higher cost (\$190 each vs. \$85 for the sodium model), I calculate a 10-year payback based on current electricity rates. And, as you say, the light is much nicer.

There do seem to be a few glitches, though. Three of the eight fixtures have failed in the first year; one stopped working entirely, while the other two started flashing once a second in a good imitation of a strobe. I've seen the latter failure mode elsewhere too; it must be fairly common, since the supplier replaced the failed fixtures without a question.

Mind you, despite the increased efficiency of LEDs, our society's institutionalized fear of the dark is causing us to install far more outdoor fixtures than ever before, which offsets the power savings.

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Indeed, lack of planning has resulted in some real messes.

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The fly in the ointment is housing prices. Around here, many people put up with commutes of an hour or more each way for the simple reason that they can't afford to live downtown. The difference in housing costs between downtown and outlying areas can buy a lot of gas. Sure, people wind up spending a lot of time on the road - but in most cases transit would take even longer.

The cheapest thing in the world is someone else's time.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 19:36:20 GMT
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On 2018-12-04, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

- > On 4 Dec 2018 04:17:40 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
- > wrote:
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- >> On 2018-12-04, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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- >>> On 3 Dec 2018 07:01:37 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
- >>> wrote:
- >>>
- >>>> On 2018-12-02, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
- >>>>
- >>>> > On 2 Dec 2018 17:11:42 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>

>>>> > wrote:
>>>> >
>>>> >> A true scientist cheerfully subjects his theories to whatever tests
>>>> >> others may devise, and revises those theories as required to fit
>>>> >> observed facts. It's the charlatans who demand unquestioning
>>>> >> acceptance of their theories.
>>>> >
>>>> > How about the vast majority of the body politic who are not "true
>>>> > scientists"?
>>>>
>>>> They do a very good job of ducking any questions,
>>>> or bullying their way past them.
>>>
>>> And this is a good thing because?
>>
>> Who said it's good?
>
> Well if it's not good then why are you acting like you're OK with them
> accepting science without question?

I'm not. I'm just stating a fact. Indeed, politicians in their own way are a lot like Scientists (note the capital letter) themselves.

Politics is the art of pandering to the stupid.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 19:54:35 GMT
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On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 23:28:23 GMT, Scott Lurndal wrote:
>
> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:
>
>> Dublin is high up in the north with a "bad angle of sun" compared to
>> Portugal or the southern United States. You need of course more panels
>> there to achieve the same result as in Portugal with fewer panels.
>>
>> Point is today you can in northern areas at least get a part of the
>> energy from renewables. The question remains of course if it's worth it.
>
> For me? My 12-panel rig will produce more than I use annually, and

> will pay for itself in seven years.

A guy in Toronto I know told me last year he broke even after seven years too. I think they even pay you when you feed surplus back into the grid.

> But then, we get over 260 sunny days a year (37 degrees N) here.

Sunshine is only part of the problem. Snow cover is the other. I heard there are some solar panels with built-in heater but they are quickly overwhelmed in heavy snowfall.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:00:47 GMT

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On 4 Dec 2018 01:52:19 GMT, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

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> On 2018-12-03, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>

>> Within the years renewable forms of energy production should become
>> cheaper. You "only" have to put them into place. Until they can reliably
>> provide 100% or more of the demand, other "dirty" power stations must be
>> available.

>

> Yes, and then that pesky population growth increases the demand to where
> you have to get those dirty power stations out of mothballs to keep up.

Efficiency of solar panels will become better (compare those from the 1980s to from today). But people have to put them on their roofs. Governments should encourage that by paying a part of the cost. Some European countries have this in place.

> The planet doesn't care about per-capita consumption, only total consumption.

If the total consumption is mainly green at some point in the future the planet doesn't need to care how much is consumed.

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Another fly in the Pete's suggestion is that there is no longer a lifetime job prospect with pension. People change jobs voluntarily or involuntarily every few years; since moving is a pain, they just suffer a (potentially) longer commute rather than chose a living location close to work.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:04:07 GMT
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Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:
> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 23:28:23 GMT, Scott Lurndal wrote:

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Snow? What's that?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:23:06 GMT
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On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 21:15:39 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 16:31:46 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>

>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 18:39:23 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>

>>> then why put any effort into doing _anything_? And if we are meeting
>>> the IPCC objectives the "other regions" will also have renewable energy
>>> so there won't be "other regions" to sell to. And if renewable is not
>>> reliable we won't be able to meet the IPCC objectives so we should be
>>> working on making it reliable. And that's going to mean something more
>>> than people putting photovoltaic panels on their roofs.

>>

>> Not sure if IPCC objectives should be considered.

>

> In that case we don't need to be doing anything. All of the "global
> warming" hysteria comes from IPCC. If they did not exist nobody would
> be paying any attention to it.

Huh? As far as I understand the IPCC is a panel (as the name suggests),
like the United Nation. So they don't create any hysteria but try to
solve some problem.

>> What I wanted to point out that the final goal should be to be green some
>> day in the future.

>

> To what purpose if we are disregarding anthropogenic global warming?

We do?

We didn't had "anthropogenic global warming" in the conversation before
and again I had to look that up. Unless you are a global warming denier
we *agree*.

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>> Governments should have the power to enforce that even if the "dirty"
>> plant does not work economically for the sake that renewables will
>> completely and reliably and take over in the future.

>

> And the poor get screwed again.

What, why?

Since a poor people usually don't own property, it's up to the landlord to decide to put panels on the roof. Since he will after some years break even he cannot raise the rent.

Also energy producing enterprise benefit to install for example wind turbines offshore or in areas where no one lives, since they don't need to pay for fuel (coal, gas...) anymore.

Unless I overlooked something poor people do not get screwed by switching to renewables.

I think I'm lost here.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:27:50 GMT
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> On 2018-12-04, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On 3 Dec 2018 09:32:26 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>>> Could I suggest that the above is meaningless?

>>

>> It's actually quite accurate. Mathematics has no necessary
>> correlation with the physical universe. Take a graduate level algebra
>> course where you design arbitrary algebraic systems and you'll see what
>> I mean.

>>

>

>

> My point is that the excerpt said that mathematics cannot be wrong,
> unless someone made a mistake. You would have to examine, very carefully,
> to see if there is no error. Most of the models that we are discussing
> are incredibly obscure.

Yes, like in "1 + 1 is 2". That's a fact, even if a person makes a mistake saying "1 + 1 is 3". Assuming we talking decimal here.

Because there are only 10 types of people in the world: those who understand binary, and those who don't.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:32:51 GMT
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On Mon, 3 Dec 2018 21:02:22 -0600, Dave Garland wrote:

>
> On 12/3/2018 4:04 PM, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:
>
>> Of course Paris and most of continental Europe have the influence of the
>> Gulf Stream. Thus solar energy does not yield the results in Canada like
>> it would have in Europe due to the snow cover in Canada.
>>
>> Canada could use more wind turbines instead which still work when the
>> area is covered in snow.
>>
>
> My neighbor put solar panels on his roof. I keep telling him he either
> needs to install windshield wipers, or else train the squirrels to
> sweep the snow off.

Heh! At least he can produce electricity while they are not covered with snow. As I said in another article a guy I know in Canada broke even after seven years. Now imagine you have rarely snow, like in southern states of the US of A. Home owners there should break even earlier.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:39:02 GMT
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On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 08:22:42 +0000, AndyW wrote:

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> On 03/12/2018 21:42, Peter Flass wrote:
>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
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> With fossil fuels we can change the entire planet

.... to worse.

> or with green energy
> we can change a small part.

.... to make a difference.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:55:31 GMT
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On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 17:17:27 -0000 (UTC), Alfred Falk wrote:

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> JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote in
> news:1koa0e1nb6d7sit0orfi97qb8mh77qvd9f@4ax.com:
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Posted by [scott](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 22:05:32 GMT
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Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:

> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:04:07 GMT, Scott Lurndal wrote:

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>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:

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>>> overwhelmed in heavy snowfall.

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>> Snow? What's that?

>

> 37 degrees North sounds like you are in Sweden, Norwegian, Finland or
> northern parts of Russia. Then you should know what snow is.

Or California. Sure, we see snow on the TV every now
and then; on rare occasions, the nearby mountains will have a dusting;
but the real thing is a good four hours east of here (except on fridays
when it is a good seven hours east of here :-).

It may dip below freezing for a couple hours on a few nights in
january, but even that's rare; the average daily minimum in January
is in the low 40s.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Bernd Felsche](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:31:26 GMT
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Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-04, Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

>> On Monday, December 3, 2018 at 10:06:08 AM UTC-7, JimP wrote:

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>> Obviously, you as an individual must do the best you can, and you're
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>> However, there's this thing called "city hall" that could *change* that,
>> if it cared to.

> Around here, city hall's solution is to build lots of high-density
> residential units around transit lines. If you live there, great.
> Otherwise, too bad, so sad.

It's the global planning strategy: Battery people.

(Except those who do the planning and "menagement". They get verdant
suburbs, picturesque hillsides or beaches.)

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Bernd Felsche](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:34:25 GMT
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Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
> On 2018-12-04, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>> On 4 Dec 2018 04:17:40 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>
>> wrote:

>>> Who said it's good?

>> Well if it's not good then why are you acting like you're OK with them
>> accepting science without question?

> I'm not. I'm just stating a fact. Indeed, politicians in their own
> way are a lot like Scientists (note the capital letter) themselves.

> Politics is the art of pandering to the stupid.

Well that is the majority. :-(

By design, if not by nature.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:43:57 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 06:38:01 -0700, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com>
wrote:

> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>> street lighting.
>
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> those crummy orange halogens.

What "orange halogens"? Street lights are typically mercury vapor or sodium vapor these days, and they are quite efficient.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:45:57 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 06:37:59 -0700, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com>
wrote:

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>> residential units around transit lines. If you live there, great.
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>>
>
> That's THE solution if you want people to use public transportation.

No, that's _half_ the solution. The other half is building lots of high density employers around those same lines.

- > That's
 - > how development of cities used to proceed - the traction company built or
 - > extended a streetcar line, and then housing and development would stretch
 - > out along the line. Look at the old photos of Ford's Willow Run plant or
 - > GE's Schenectady plant. Lines of streetcars would be stacked up loading or
 - > unloading employees.
 - >
 - > The auto has, unfortunately, encouraged haphazard development. People live
 - > in one suburb and work in another. There's no good way to support this mesh
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 - > work.
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:47:14 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 4 Dec 2018 19:36:19 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

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- >
- >> The auto has, unfortunately, encouraged haphazard development.
- >> People live in one suburb and work in another.
- >
- > Indeed, lack of planning has resulted in some real messes.
- >
- >> There's no good way to support this mesh with public transportation.
- >> We need to start recentralizing, with offices in the central city and
- >> manufacturing clustered so that public transit can work.
- >
- > The fly in the ointment is housing prices. Around here, many people
- > put up with commutes of an hour or more each way for the simple reason
- > that they can't afford to live downtown. The difference in housing
- > costs between downtown and outlying areas can buy a lot of gas.
- > Sure, people wind up spending a lot of time on the road - but
- > in most cases transit would take even longer.
- >
- > The cheapest thing in the world is someone else's time.

With all the talk of "true cost", it's a pity the government can't be billed for the time we spend doing all the crap that they mandate that

we do.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:49:17 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:39:02 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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And kill birds.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:50:08 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:00:47 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On 4 Dec 2018 01:52:19 GMT, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

>>

>> On 2018-12-03, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>>

>>> Within the years renewable forms of energy production should become
>>> cheaper. You "only" have to put them into place. Until they can reliably
>>> provide 100% or more of the demand, other "dirty" power stations must be
>>> available.

>>

>> Yes, and then that pesky population growth increases the demand to where
>> you have to get those dirty power stations out of mothballs to keep up.

>

> Efficiency of solar panels will become better (compare those from the
> 1980s to from today). But people have to put them on their
> roofs. Governments should encourage that by paying a part of the
> cost. Some European countries have this in place.

The panels can be perfectly efficient, but without storage they're
worthless.

>> The planet doesn't care about per-capita consumption, only total consumption.

>

> If the total consumption is mainly green at some point in the future the
> planet doesn't need to care how much is consumed.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:57:31 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:23:06 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 21:15:39 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 16:31:46 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>>
 >>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 18:39:23 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
 >>>>
 >>>> then why put any effort into doing _anything_? And if we are meeting
 >>>> the IPCC objectives the "other regions" will also have renewable energy
 >>>> so there won't be "other regions" to sell to. And if renewable is not
 >>>> reliable we won't be able to meet the IPCC objectives so we should be
 >>>> working on making it reliable. And that's going to mean something more
 >>>> than people putting photovoltaic panels on their roofs.
 >>>
 >>> Not sure if IPCC objectives should be considered.
 >>
 >> In that case we don't need to be doing anything. All of the "global
 >> warming" hysteria comes from IPCC. If they did not exist nobody would
 >> be paying any attention to it.
 >
 > Huh? As far as I understand the IPCC is a panel (as the name suggests),
 > like the United Nation. So they don't create any hysteria but try to
 > solve some problem.

Then you don't understand it. Any discussion of global warming starts with an IPCC report telling us about all the horrible things that are going to happen if we don't cut emissions back to the hunter-gatherer level.

>>> What I wanted to point out that the final goal should be to be green some
 >>> day in the future.
 >>
 >> To what purpose if we are disregarding anthropogenic global warming?
 >
 > We do?

If you are not trying to meet the IPCC requirements then what issue do you think you are addressing?

> We didn't had "anthropogenic global warming" in the conversation before
 > and again I had to look that up. Unless you are a global warming denier
 > we *agree*.

If you had to look up anthropogenic global warming then you really should not be discussing carbon emissions at all.

It sounds like you're a garden variety '60s greenie who has been living under a rock since then. If we don't care about anthropogenic global warming then why do we have to do anything except wait for fuel prices to rise to a level at which renewables become cost-preferred?

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>>> plant does not work economically for the sake that renewables will
>>> completely and reliably and take over in the future.

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> What, why?

Because somebody has to pay for that plant and the only people likely
to do it are the consumers of electric power, which means that the
electric bills rise.

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> to decide to put panels on the roof. Since he will after some years break
> even he cannot raise the rent.

Somebody still has to pay for those power plants and the power grid.

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> turbines offshore or in areas where no one lives, since they don't need
> to pay for fuel (coal, gas...) anymore.

No, instead they have to pay maintenance on the wind turbines. And
that assumes that the greenies let them build them.

> Unless I overlooked something poor people do not get screwed by switching
> to renewables.

If there are massive power plants sitting idle they do, because they
have to pay for those plants.

>

> I think I'm lost here.

I know you're lost.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 04 Dec 2018 23:58:17 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 14:54:35 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 23:28:23 GMT, Scott Lurndal wrote:
>>
>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:
>>
>>> Dublin is high up in the north with a "bad angle of sun" compared to
>>> Portugal or the southern United States. You need of course more panels
>>> there to achieve the same result as in Portugal with fewer panels.
>>>
>>> Point is today you can in northern areas at least get a part of the
>>> energy from renewables. The question remains of course if it's worth it.
>>
>> For me? My 12-panel rig will produce more than I use annually, and
>> will pay for itself in seven years.
>
> A guy in Toronto I know told me last year he broke even after seven years
> too. I think they even pay you when you feed surplus back into the grid.
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> Sunshine is only part of the problem. Snow cover is the other. I heard
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Are either of you using solar for heat and cooking?

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> Agreed. I recently replaced the sodium lights in our hangar complex with
> LED fixtures. Despite their higher cost (\$190 each vs. \$85 for the sodium
> model), I calculate a 10-year payback based on current electricity rates.
> And, as you say, the light is much nicer.
>
> There do seem to be a few glitches, though. Three of the eight fixtures
> have failed in the first year; one stopped working entirely, while the
> other two started flashing once a second in a good imitation of a strobe.
> I've seen the latter failure mode elsewhere too; it must be fairly common,
> since the supplier replaced the failed fixtures without a question.
>
> Mind you, despite the increased efficiency of LEDs, our society's
> institutionalized fear of the dark is causing us to install far more
> outdoor fixtures than ever before, which offsets the power savings.
>

Three or four years ago I had LED lighting installed through out my
flat. Not a single one has failed yet.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 00:03:19 GMT
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???? I think you're reversing your digits there or something. 37
North is San Francisco, Seville, and Athens.

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of Dublin is 53.3498. The distance between them is mostly longitude,
not latitude.

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>> Science is a religion. Others call that religion "scientism" but when
>> I use that term I tend to get tuned out. When I call it Science at
>> least people argue enough that some of them start to think.
>
>
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> that the sect published a newspaper that was the only reliable
> source of news in the US.

Christian Science has little to do with science or Science, but the
Christian Science Monitor is in fact a very highly regarded news
organization that has won seven Pulitzer Prizes.

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> On 4 Dec 2018 01:52:19 GMT, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

>

>> The planet doesn't care about per-capita consumption, only total consumption.

>

> If the total consumption is mainly green at some point in the future the
> planet doesn't need to care how much is consumed.

Up to a point. For instance, you can grow a certain amount of food
on a given area of land. To go beyond that you have to push it with
fertilizers and things which at some point aren't very green anymore.
But even then, you'll probably never manage to feed, say, a thousand
people off one hectare of land.

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On 2018-12-04, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 08:22:42 +0000, AndyW wrote:

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>> On 03/12/2018 21:42, Peter Flass wrote:

>>

>>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>>>

>>>> What are these costs? Once in place they should be "green", no?

>>>

>>> Apparently hydro is no longer considered green. Got to protect the Snail

>>> Darters, after all.

>>

>> This is the problem with a lot of green energy. They have renewable

>> green fuel, effectively free but require the destruction of large
>> areas of an ecosystem.
>
> You would place them where you don't disturb the ecosystem. If you have a
> coast line, put wind turbines there.

What do you do when the coastline is full of windmills and demand keeps increasing?

> Although sinking pylons into the ground of an ocean might kill some fish
> or other creatures while doing it they help life in the ocean. Like on
> sunk ships ocean creatures build an ecosystem on these they otherwise
> wouldn't have.

A number of ships have been sunk on the southern B.C. coast as artificial reefs. Teams of divers (myself included) have been monitoring the marine life on these wrecks. Although life is beginning to grow on them, it's a drop in the bucket compared to the life on the enormous number of natural reefs which have been there all along.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 00:47:12 GMT
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On 2018-12-04, Andrew Swallow <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:

> On 04/12/2018 19:36, Charlie Gibbs wrote:
>
>> Agreed. I recently replaced the sodium lights in our hangar complex with
>> LED fixtures. Despite their higher cost (\$190 each vs. \$85 for the sodium
>> model), I calculate a 10-year payback based on current electricity rates.
>> And, as you say, the light is much nicer.
>>
>> There do seem to be a few glitches, though. Three of the eight fixtures
>> have failed in the first year; one stopped working entirely, while the
>> other two started flashing once a second in a good imitation of a strobe.
>> I've seen the latter failure mode elsewhere too; it must be fairly common,
>> since the supplier replaced the failed fixtures without a question.
>
> Three or four years ago I had LED lighting installed through out my

> flat. Not a single one has failed yet.

I've been phasing in LEDs in our house, using 7-watt lamps which are drop-in replacements for the 50-watt halogen PAR20s in the pots we have all over the house. I too have never experienced a failure. However, the outdoor fixtures run at higher power and are in a harsher environment. I suspect the failures are in the supporting electronics rather than in the LED elements themselves.

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Around here they're all LED. Much nicer than the sodium
vapor, with much less overspill.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 05:35:24 GMT

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On Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 4:43:58 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:

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I think he meant low-pressure sodium. Yes, wrong end of the Periodic Table.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 05:37:14 GMT
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On Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 3:05:33 PM UTC-7, Scott Lurndal wrote:

> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:

>> 37 degrees North sounds like you are in Sweden, Norwegian, Finland or
>> northern parts of Russia. Then you should know what snow is.

> Or California.

It looks like he deleted his post after he got a chance to look at a map.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 08:51:01 GMT
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On 5 Dec 2018 00:47:11 GMT

Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 08:56:03 GMT

On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:50:08 -0500

J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> The panels can be perfectly efficient, but without storage they're
> worthless.

Not quite worthless grid tied solar can be very effective in
reducing the drain on the grid of a household or factory, especially if the
load is mostly during daytime. It doesn't permit reducing generating
capacity (or not by much) but it does reduce the fuel bill.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 09:18:43 GMT

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 09:28:00 GMT

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That is happening here too. I know four people who have bought houses to rent out, and that was possible because the previous tenants were removed by their landlord at the time.

In the British time, 'eviction' was a very dirty word, people were killed because of it. Now we are independent, everything is OK.

In three of the cases above, it was single men in middle years that were hard to get out. Divorced, or never left home.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 10:10:29 GMT

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On 5 Dec 2018 09:18:43 GMT

maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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That sounds like you have a 'cold white' LED with a colour temperature up around 6000K or higher (blue/white light), warm white LEDs exist with colour temperatures in the 3000-3500K (yellow/white) range that are much easier on the eyes but slightly less efficient.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 10:40:09 GMT

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On 2018-12-05, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> On 5 Dec 2018 09:18:43 GMT

> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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Will check on all that.

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 12:44:17 GMT

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Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

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Back in the olden days suburbs were clusters of homes along transportation routes. Philadelphia's "main line" was so called because it was strung out along the Pennsylvania RR. The key was that the major employers were clustered downtown, so a hub-and-spoke system would work. Now offices and factories are in "parks" scattered all over. In theory this would work if your job and your home were in the same suburb, but who does this? In my previous home I lived within walking distance of Global Foundries and some other associated industries, but my job was 1/2 hour away elsewhere.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 12:44:18 GMT

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Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 21:15:39 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 16:31:46 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 18:39:23 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>>>> then why put any effort into doing _anything_? And if we are meeting
>>>> the IPCC objectives the "other regions" will also have renewable energy
>>>> so there won't be "other regions" to sell to. And if renewable is not
>>>> reliable we won't be able to meet the IPCC objectives so we should be
>>>> working on making it reliable. And that's going to mean something more
>>>> than people putting photovoltaic panels on their roofs.

>>>

>>> Not sure if IPCC objectives should be considered.

>>

>> In that case we don't need to be doing anything. All of the "global
>> warming" hysteria comes from IPCC. If they did not exist nobody would
>> be paying any attention to it.

>

> Huh? As far as I understand the IPCC is a panel (as the name suggests),
> like the United Nation. So they don't create any hysteria but try to
> solve some problem.

A panel of scientists who have built their careers and gotten lots of grant money from climate change. I see a parallel to German archaeologists during the Nazi era. Many of them were good archaeologists who had distinguished careers before and after this period, but if they wanted to get grants and work in the 30s and 40s they had to work some aspect of race into their grant proposals.

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Pete

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>>
> Wikipedia has a bunch of them. It sounds like each metro area (NYC,
> London, LA, etc.) started with a "first" and incremented as more
> churches were built.
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Same with many other denominations: "First Lutheran Church", etc. Christian Scientists main church is in Boston.

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Pete

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 12:51:25 GMT
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The home light bulb replacements come in "bright white" and "warm white."
Bright is hospital operating-room bright, but warm is more similar to
incandescents.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Roger Blake](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 14:01:32 GMT

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On 2018-12-05, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Funny story. As green as the Kennedys are, they put up a stink when the
> power company wanted to put a wind farm off shore at Hyannis, where they
> would have to look at it.

Of course. Being "green" is only to be forced on the little people.
No doubt the Kennedy compound uses as much power as an entire
middle-class suburb. One thing you'll notice about the rich
and powerful pushing this crap onto the masses is that they
themselves rarely if ever do any conservation themselves.

The entire thing is a bunch of hooey, to coin a phrase. Follow
money and the (political) power. At least in France it was
demonstrated that there's only so far you can push people with
the "climate change/global warming" hoax.

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Roger Blake (Posts from Google Groups killfiled due to excess spam.)

NSA sedition and treason -- <http://www.DeathToNSAthugs.com>

Don't talk to cops! -- <http://www.DontTalkToCops.com>

Badges don't grant extra rights -- <http://www.CopBlock.org>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 14:35:33 GMT

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On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 2:18:45 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:

> Street Light?.. You are lighting empty streets?.

How can one tell if a street is empty? True, LED lights turn on quickly, so I suppose they could
use passive infrared, but it would have to be pretty sensitive...

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 14:38:41 GMT
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Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 15:46:04 GMT
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Which makes them superb for street lighting, since they don't completely blind your night vision.

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Joy Beeson
joy beeson at comcast dot net
<http://wlweather.net/PAGEJOY/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 17:12:54 GMT
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I am unaware of anything in Copernicus or Darwin that justify the theory of 'global warming'.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 17:39:31 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 09:00:30 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca>
wrote:

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When I lived in Maryland, I found that the transport system had been
added since the last time I was there. I could take a train car, I
suppose that is that they are, into D.C. However, if I wanted to go to
another area on one of the other wheel spokes, I would have to go
almost into D.C., and then go back out to where I wanted to shop.

I asked my employer why that was? He told me that the system was
designed to get people to work and back. There had been talk for years
to connect the spokes, but there was lots of Not in My Back Yard. So

it never got done.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 17:41:58 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On 4 Dec 2018 17:25:10 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-04, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On 4 Dec 2018 09:40:53 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>>> On 2018-12-04, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>>>> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 10:12:21 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
>>>> wrote:

>>>>

>>>> >scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal) writes:

>>>> >

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>>>> I have not claimed that science is a religion. I have claimed that

>>>> Science is a religion. Others call that religion "scientism" but when

>>>> I use that term I tend to get tuned out. When I call it Science at

>>>> least people argue enough that some of them start to think.

>>>

>>>

>>> Ever hear of Christian Scientists?.. When I was young, I was told

>>> that the sect published a newspaper that was the only reliable

>>> source of news in the US.

>>

>> I have been told they believe that they don't need to go to the doctor

>> for illnesses. I keep wondering why they haven't died out.

>>

>

> Self-explanatory?

>

> Back in the 1950's, the UK invited West Indians to come to the UK,

> for basic jobs, like cleaners, bus-drivers, etc. There was never anything

> about visas, just come. I lived near some in London, back when,

> good people.

>

> Their children grew up, and were treated in the usual way, vaccinated in

> school, then, when it came to be treated by the NHS, some had problems,

> That was even before Mrs. Rudd decided that they should be deported.

> Some said that they had never attended a doctor.

I've seen that attitude, never happened, in almost every place I have ever lived. Politics wasn't involved. Just some folks like to pretend that what they just saw happen, sometimes to them, didn't.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 17:53:03 GMT

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On 5 Dec 2018 00:47:10 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-04, J Clarke <jjclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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>> On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 06:38:01 -0700, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com>

>> wrote:

>>

>>> Replacing current lighting with LEDs will not only drastically cut power consumption, but will provide much more esthetically pleasing light than those crummy orange halogens.

>>

>> What "orange halogens"? Street lights are typically mercury vapor or sodium vapor these days, and they are quite efficient.

>

> I think he means sodium. (Mostly high-pressure sodium these days - I haven't seen low-pressure sodium lamps for a while. They're _really_ orange - or yellow, actually.)

The high pressure sodium lights are very good at lighting up the clouds. No sidewalks or roads up there. And driving on the actual streets, its like looking into car high beams.

Some power companies in the U.S. pretended for years that such lighting was required by the government. No such requirement exists.

> LEDs are even more efficient - the city has replaced mercury vapour lamps on streets near our house with LEDs.

And some of those LEDs produce radio interference.

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Jim

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Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 17:55:07 GMT

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old post about san jose city fight over move to "high pressure" or "low
pressure" sodium

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2007t.html#29>

high pressure spread across the spectrum ... low pressure would be
benefit to Lick Observatory ... so much of San Jose was "orange" in the
80s.

Lick Observatory

<https://www.ucolick.org/main/visit/info.html>

wiki sodium vapor lamps

[href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sodium_vapor_lamp](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sodium_vapor_lamp)

from above:

Light pollution considerations

For placements where light pollution is of prime importance (for example
an observatory parking lot), low pressure sodium is preferred. Sodium
emits light on only one wavelength, and therefore is the easiest to
filter out.

.... snip ...

I had gotten sucked into Berkeley "10 meter" ... that would go up on top
of mountain in Hawaii ... and they were working on switch from film to
digital (CCD) and wanted to do remote observing from the mainland
(getting real-time images) ... and they were running tests at Lick.

misc. old email mentioning some visits to lick observatory

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2004h.html#email830822>

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2004h.html#email830830>

past posts mentioning "Berkeley 10meter" (now Keck Observatory, based on
being paid for by grant from Keck Foundation)

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2004h.html#8> CCD technology

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2005l.html#9> Jack Kilby dead

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2007t.html#30> What do YOU call the # sign?
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2008f.html#80> A Super-Efficient Light Bulb
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2009m.html#82> ATMs by the Numbers
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2009m.html#85> ATMs by the Numbers
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2009o.html#55> TV Big Bang 10/12/09
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2010i.html#24> Program Work Method Question
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2011b.html#58> Other early NSFNET backbone
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2012k.html#10> Slackware
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2012k.html#86> OT: Physics question and Star Trek
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2012o.html#55> 360/20, was 1132 printer history
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2014.html#76> Royal Pardon For Turing
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2014g.html#50> Revamped PDP-11 in Honolulu or maybe Santa Fe
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2014h.html#56> Revamped PDP-11 in Brooklyn
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2015.html#19> Spaceshot: 3,200-megapixel camera for powerful
cosmos telescope moves forward
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2016f.html#71> Under Hawaii's Starriest Skies, a Fight Over Sacred
Ground
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2017g.html#51> Stopping the Internet of noise
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018c.html#89> Earth's atmosphere just crossed another troubling
climate change threshold
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018d.html#76> George Lucas reveals his plan for Star Wars 7
through 9--and it was awful
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#22> A Tea Party Movement to Overhaul the Constitution Is
Quietly Gaining

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 17:57:50 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On 5 Dec 2018 17:12:54 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-05, Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

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>>

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> I am unaware of anything in Copernicus or Darwin that justify the theory of 'global warming'.

I don't think that is what he said.

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Jim

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Galileo disagreed with the current consensus of his time. Did that make his rejection valid too?

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 18:18:02 GMT
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On 2018-12-05, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> On 5 Dec 2018 09:18:43 GMT
> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>

>> White LED's are very glary. I got a bedside one a few years ago, after
>> going through lots of halogens, its lasting great, but hard on the eyes
>> when first turned on.

Hey, it's the 21st century. Glare is good, doncha know. Take a look at car headlights, for instance. (Don't count on being able to see anything else for a while...)

> That sounds like you have a 'cold white' LED with a colour
> temperature up around 6000K or higher (blue/white light), warm white LEDs
> exist with colour temperatures in the 3000-3500K (yellow/white) range that
> are much easier on the eyes but slightly less efficient.

I've found that "warm white" (3000K) LEDs are a pretty good substitute for halogens. Dimming them still is problematic, but they're getting better.

> I find that the diffuse light from a lot of small LEDs is much
> nicer than the light from a single or small number of high power LEDs - my
> house is lit with 5W/m 5630 LED or 2.5W/m 2835 LED strips apart from some
> rooms which still have the older 14W/m 5050 strips (to be replaced by 2835s
> all the way round and a dimmer at next decorate), no fittings just strips.

Extremely intense point sources are the fad these days.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 18:21:02 GMT

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On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 11:53:03 -0600

JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

> And some of those LEDs produce radio interference.

Nope, just the power supplies, LEDs run on DC.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [usenet](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 18:30:30 GMT
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On Sun, 2 Dec 2018 17:18:10 +0000, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> On 2 Dec 2018 16:30:35 GMT

> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

>

>> If there are unquestionable dogmas, it isn't science.

>

> There is one unquestionable dogma behind science - the assumption

> that the universe can be modelled.

Yes. Similarly, that science can explain everything. Also that science is the best way to apprehend the world. Underlying these is the assumption that there is such a thing as objective reality, separate from an observer. Science is also predicated on the assumption of reliable and consistent measurement. Anything that can't be measured is generally outside the purview of science, and is often labeled with the pejorative of "unscientific."

Large areas of human experience are beyond the reach of science. In light of that, it's a wonder that so many regard science as the epitome of knowledge.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [usenet](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 18:30:45 GMT
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On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 21:23:49 -0500, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 10:12:21 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>

> wrote:

>> scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal) writes:

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>>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

>>>> On Sun, 02 Dec 2018 15:19:40 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>

>>>

>>>> >Apparently, you weren't in class that day.

>>>>

>>>> Same to you. Apparently you missed the class where they were teaching

>>>> how to have a rational discussion.

>>>

>>> The irony in your statement is palpable.

>>
>> Well, I did get frustrated at what appeared to be an advanced case
>> of thick headedness. In JC's defense he seemed to migrate from
>> claiming science is a religion to claiming some significant portion
>> of the population believe in science without questioning it.
>> Also claiming that this is "dangerous".
>>
>> I'm familiar with the dangers of believing religious leaders.
>> History is full of examples.
>> Science, not so much.
>
> I have not claimed that science is a religion. I have claimed that
> Science is a religion. Others call that religion "scientism" but when
> I use that term I tend to get tuned out. When I call it Science at
> least people argue enough that some of them start to think.

You're still just arguing about which sect is the one true faith.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [usenet](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 18:33:08 GMT
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On Sun, 2 Dec 2018 13:10:18 +0000, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
> On Sun, 2 Dec 2018 11:40:46 +0000
> Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer <headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
>> The religionist quoted above attempts to classify everyone in terms of
>> his own world of make believe but those terms do not apply to those who
>> do NOT live in the world of make-believe.
>
> You do however require faith to believe in science - science is
> based on the belief that the universe is logically consistent, there is no
> way to prove that. Logic is no less a human construct than Zeus - unless
> Plato was right.

Exactly. Logic and science are both human creations. If every human were to vanish from the universe in an instant, science would disappear with them.

What's both amusing and disappointing about this thread is that most people have no clue about what religion is. That's not surprising, because most people and society in general have warped ideas about religion. The result here is the setting up and knocking down of religion strawmen. Our most vociferous provocateur (borderline troll) appears particularly ignorant regarding religion, and their strawmen are thus very flimsy. They appear to take great satisfaction in this trivial exercise, but it proves nothing.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 18:59:56 GMT
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Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:44:19 AM UTC-7, Peter Flass wrote:

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> John Savard

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 20:01:29 GMT
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On 5 Dec 2018 18:18:02 GMT

Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> I've found that "warm white" (3000K) LEDs are a pretty good substitute for
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Dimming is no problem at all - if you run LEDs directly instead of
in traditional fittings. I have a 12 volt supply for the house lighting and
some of the lights have a 12V PWM dimmer module fitted in the switch that
gives a nice smooth fade from a faint glimmer to full brightness. You can
buy 12 volt dimmer switches but they tend to be touchplate and expensive,
or you can buy much cheaper modules remove them from the ugly cases they
come in and fit the innards behind a light switch (the pot is on a few
inches of wire).

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 21:07:42 GMT
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On 2018-12-05, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
> On 5 Dec 2018 17:12:54 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>
> --
> Jim

What he said that of all the theories that have been put out in both
areas, they turned to be right, so therefore the theory of GlobalWarming
is correct.

In both areas, astronomy and evolution, both people went against the
'official view', but both theories (or whatever) have been refined _a_lot_
since proposed first. The Ancient greeks had people who realized the falsity
of Plato's cosmology.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 21:08:40 GMT

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On 2018-12-05, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

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On 2018-12-05, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 09:00:30 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca>
> wrote:

>> On Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 6:38:00 AM UTC-7, Peter Flass wrote:

>>> People live

>>> in one suburb and work in another. There's no good way to support this mesh

>>> with public transportation. We need to start recentralizing, with offices
>>> in the central city and manufacturing clustered so that public transit can
>>> work.
>>
>> People live in suburbs so that their children might be safe when going to school.
>>
>> To fix America's transportation problems, therefore, one would first have to fix
>> a rather *more* intractable problem.
>
> When I lived in Maryland, I found that the transport system had ben
> added since the last time I was there. I could take a train car, I
> suppose that is that they are, into D.C. However, if I wanted to go to
> another area on one of the other wheel spokes, I would have to go
> almost nto D.C., and then go back out to where I wanted to shop.
>
> I asked my employer why that was ? He told me that the system was
> designed to get people to work and back. There had been talk for years
> to connect the spokes, but there was lots of Not in My Back Yard. So
> it never got done.
>
> --
> Jim

On a visit to the D.C. Area for family reasons, I had ambitions of trying to drive on US. roads. I explained that to the man who picked us up. He drove us along the Beltway, that cured me, worse than that London road, worse than the M50 in Dublin, and approaching the Italian highways.

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Maus@ireland.com
Opinions offered om any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 21:18:25 GMT
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On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 16:15:03 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:
>
> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 22:05:32 GMT, Scott Lurndal wrote:
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>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:
>>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 20:04:07 GMT, Scott Lurndal wrote:
>>>>
>>>> >Sunshine is only part of the problem. Snow cover is the other. I heard
>>>> >there are some solar panels with built-in heater but they are quickly

>>>> >overwhelmed in heavy snowfall.
>>>>
>>>> Snow? What's that?
>>>
>>> 37 degrees North sounds like you are in Sweden, Norwegian, Finland or
>>> northern parts of Russia. Then you should know what snow is.
>>
>> Or California.
>
> California is nowhere near the 37 degree North Parallel.

I take that back. Sorry. For some reason my news client does not allow me to cancel the article.

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Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 21:21:23 GMT
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On 5 Dec 2018 09:18:43 GMT, maus wrote:
>
> Street Light?.. You are lighting empty streets?.

Good idea. Why not add motion detectors. Have no street lights at all until someone approaches and only then light up the light for a minute or so.
--
Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 21:28:30 GMT
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On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:49:17 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
>
> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:39:02 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>
>> On Tue, 4 Dec 2018 08:22:42 +0000, AndyW wrote:

>>>

>>> On 03/12/2018 21:42, Peter Flass wrote:

>>>

>>> This is the problem with a lot of green energy. They have renewable
>>> green fuel, effectively free but require the destruction of large
>>> areas of an ecosystem.

>>

>> You would place them where you don't disturb the ecosystem.

>

> Where is that?

The ocean or areas no one lives. Of course sinking a pylon into the earth
might kill some ants. But that does any digging.

>> If you have a

>> coast line, put wind turbines there. Although sinking pylons into the
>> ground of an ocean might kill some fish or other creatures while doing it
>> they help life in the ocean. Like on sunk ships ocean creatures build an
>> ecosystem on these they otherwise wouldn't have.

>

> And kill birds.

Why is that? Why would a wind turbine kill (all) birds? They'd sense
something weird is going on and change the flight path. It's not like a
wind turbine is a bird meat grinder.

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Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 21:31:15 GMT

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On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:50:08 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:00:47 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>> Efficiency of solar panels will become better (compare those from the
>> 1980s to from today). But people have to put them on their
>> roofs. Governments should encourage that by paying a part of the
>> cost. Some European countries have this in place.

>

> The panels can be perfectly efficient, but without storage they're
> worthless.

No. Even without battery they produce electricity the owner would not otherwise draw from the grid. Of course a battery would help to further reduce the dependency from the grid.

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Andreas

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On 5 Dec 2018 00:47:09 GMT, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

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> On 2018-12-04, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>> On 4 Dec 2018 01:52:19 GMT, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

>>

>>> The planet doesn't care about per-capita consumption, only total consumption.

>>

>> If the total consumption is mainly green at some point in the future the

>> planet doesn't need to care how much is consumed.

>

> Up to a point. For instance, you can grow a certain amount of food

> on a given area of land. To go beyond that you have to push it with

> fertilizers and things which at some point aren't very green anymore.

> But even then, you'll probably never manage to feed, say, a thousand

> people off one hectare of land.

I was talking about energy consumption. Let's say we manage to get fusion going we are home free.

Growing food to feed the world's population is an entirely different problem.

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I beg to differ.

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>> And some of those LEDs produce radio interference.

>

> Nope, just the power supplies, LEDs run on DC.

Well, its LED strips. If they block me from using my ham radio, it
doesn't matter which part is causing the problem. I didn't know this
was going on until I read complaints in a ham radio magazine and on
ham radio forums.

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Jim

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>> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

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>>> If there are unquestionable dogmas, it isn't science.

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>> There is one unquestionable dogma behind science - the assumption
>> that the universe can be modelled.

>

> Yes. Similarly, that science can explain everything. Also that science is the
> best way to apprehend the world. Underlying these is the assumption that there

> is such a thing as objective reality, separate from an observer. Science is
> also predicated on the assumption of reliable and consistent measurement.
> Anything that can't be measured is generally outside the purview of science,
> and is often labeled with the pejorative of "unscientific."
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>> Jim

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> What he said that of all the theories that have been put out in both
> areas, they turned to be right, so therefore the theory of GlobalWarming
> is correct.
>
> In both areas, astronomy and evolution, both people went against the
> 'official view', but both theories (or whatever) have been refined _a_lot_
> since proposed first. The Ancient greeks had people who realized the falsity
> of Plato's cosmology.

Indeed, a Greek philosopher/scientist calculated the Earth's
circumference at 20,000 miles. Well, he used stadii, I think, but he
showed it was round not flat.

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X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.
/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

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>>>> > On Mon, 03 Dec 2018 23:28:23 GMT, Scott Lurndal wrote:
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Pete

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered om any subject:

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One can run 12v over normal 120v (e.g. awg14 or awg12) wiring,
but the reverse isn't true. Just ensure that the 120v wiring
being repurposed isn't connected anywhere to the mains supply.

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Surely such a thing would be terribly distracting to the motorists
and/or any pedestrians relying on the street lighting.

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That's one of the dumber programs on "Discovery". A bunch of unknown talking heads (many of which have dodgy or no credentials[*]) speculate wildly, knock down the speculation, speculate again with no foundation, knock it down again, then finally admit what they knew all along, it's emblematic of all that is wrong with the discovery family of channels (including the science channel, which seldom has actual science content).

[*] E.g. Scott Wolter, "forensic geologist", his noted quote when accused of faking his educational credentials:

"In the arena of investigating archaeological mysteries, how smart do you need to be?"

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Wed, 05 Dec 2018 23:57:05 GMT
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On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 11:53:03 -0600, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

> The high pressure sodium lights are very good at lighting up the
> clouds. No sidewalks or roads up there. And driving on the actual
> streets, its like looking into car high beams.

You're supposed to put reflectors above the lights, to direct the illumination down onto the road, and put them high enough that they are seen from the side only when far away.

Unfortunately, our streets department judges lights exclusively on how cute they look to tourists in the daytime.

The cute lights come in two styles -- one looks like a nodding flower and directs most of the light down. One looks like an olde-tyme flame-powered street lamp and directs most of the light up. Guess which one the powers that be selected.

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Joy Beeson
joy beeson at comcast dot net
<http://wlweather.net/PAGEJOY/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 00:00:48 GMT
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So you're going to crank up the steel mill every morning and shut it
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And when the glaciers start moving south again are you still going to feel that way?

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That would be news to San Francisco.

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That nuclear reactor was removed 50 years ago. If you want to be worried about something worry about the one 5 times the size that's on the bottom of the Atlantic 350 miles off Boston.

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That battery can be anywhere on the grid.

PSE@G in NJ has 174,000 solar panels installed on utility poles.
Interesting article here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yco2jukg>

(PSE&G completes utility-pole solar installation)

Before we get too excited about our new cleaner world:

...PSE&G is producing about half-a-percent of its power through solar
now, but plans to produce 3 percent in the future...

Their plan for energy storage is not complete but there is some info
here:

<http://tinyurl.com/yd2mvy3j>

PSEG is proposing to spend \$180 million on its energy storage program,
adding 35 MW of storage capacity over six years. The utility did not
give details on project specifics but described five different storage
program types: solar smoothing, distribution deferral, mobile storage
for outage management, microgrids for critical facilities and peak
reduction for public sector facilities.

No batteries.

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Dan Espen

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>>> those who do NOT live in the world of make-believe.
>>
>> You do however require faith to believe in science - science is
>> based on the belief that the universe is logically consistent, there
>> is no way to prove that. Logic is no less a human construct than Zeus
>> - unless Plato was right.
>
> Exactly. Logic and science are both human creations. If every human
> were to vanish from the universe in an instant, science would
> disappear with them.

I'm not getting your point. All humans gone means everything goes,
including religion.

> What's both amusing and disappointing about this thread is that most
> people have no clue about what religion is. That's not surprising,
> because most people and society in general have warped ideas about
> religion.

Most people are religious. Are you saying the religious are warped?
Sometimes I might think so, but no, I wouldn't go that far. Well, those
televangelists go right off the scale. They're definitely warped.

I'm guessing by "most people", you mean some of the posters here.

> The result here is the setting up and knocking down of religion
> strawmen. Our most vociferous provocateur (borderline troll) appears
> particularly ignorant regarding religion, and their strawmen are thus
> very flimsy. They appear to take great satisfaction in this trivial

> exercise, but it proves nothing.

If you say so.

Not sure who the troll might be. Personally, I think I know a lot more about religion than most.

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Dan Espen

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>>> putting into His mouth.

>>

>> Part of the problem is, "God" is an undefined variable.

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> I thought he was REAL. Oh, wait, that's just in Fortran...

PL/I, too, IIRC.

[snip]

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

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That was my big advantage, I wired this house for 12V LED strips from the start, not that there's a lot of differences the main thing being the lighting runs all come to one of two places in the crawl space where I have the 12V supplies (repurposed good quality PC supplies - they're far cheaper than dedicated 12V PSUs), not putting any fittings in and dropping the feed near the wall instead of in the middle of the room (there are three drops in the kitchen each running a 4m strip making my kitchen nearly daylight bright for 60W).

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There's nothing in Copernicus that justifies Darwin's theory of evolution by
natural selection either.

It's just that all three are things that scientists agree on which are
enormously likely to be true. There is no reason to take those who dispute any
of them seriously (as having arguments worth listening to; in the case of global
warming, those who are misled can potentially be threats within the political
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John Savard

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Indeed.

I have a 4kW solar array but no battery and find they work fine.

I can use the power from my panels while the sun shines and reduce my demand from the grid.

I regularly use my drier and washing machine during the day at no cost from the grid. My fridge and freezer run continuously so any use in the day is effectively free. I have a hot tub and it draws power from the panels during the day as well.

....and then what I do not use gets fed to the grid and I get paid for that. I get paid for supplying the grid at a lesser rate than I pay when drawing from the grid so feeding the grid is my last resort.

So hardly useless.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 07:44:28 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

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>> believed that there was a hole in the earth up there, and one could
>> enter through that into the hollow center.

>>

>> More worrying, there are reports that if the Greenland Ice melts, the
>> abandoned nuclear plant at the Thule base would leak radiocative
>> horrors that would flow down the baffin Channel, heading eventually
>> for Noo Jerk.

>

> That nuclear reactor was removed 50 years ago. If you want to be
> worried about something worry about the one 5 times the size that's on
> the bottom of the Atlantic 350 miles off Boston.

I have read of Soviet-era nuclear subs that were just abandoned in
inlets along the Murman coast, where they are rusting away.

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> Not sure who the troll might be. Personally, I think I know a lot more
> about religion than most.
>

I should clarify my attitude to religion. A friend was reported to be unwell some years ago, and I went to see him, when he opened his mouth to speak, the inside was grey, not pink. He had avoided going to the Doctor afraid of the treatment.

What do you say to someone in that instance except "I will say a prayer."

I used visit him after the Operation, and after the xray time, and until he died. The funeral had to be immediate, because of the smell coming from his body.

Another person I know is going for treatment at the moment, and her chances seem to be good for a full recovery. What do you say??.

Anyone who is not a complete idiot will tell you that it is better to be lucky than smart in gambling. We don't really know the odds in the game of life yet, and I don't think we ever will.

Book recently, "Weapons of Math Destruction." Everyone should read it.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 09:48:09 GMT

On Wed, 5 Dec 2018 23:03:30 -0800 (PST)
Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 10:12:56 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:
>
>> I am unaware of anything in Copernicus or Darwin that justify the
>> theory of 'global warming'.
>
> There's nothing in Copernicus that justifies Darwin's theory of evolution
> by natural selection either.
>
> It's just that all three are things that scientists agree on which are
> enormously likely to be true. There is no reason to take those who

The trouble here is that the work of both Copernicus and Darwin is simple in principle whereas the predictions of global warming are the result of extremely complex computer models of a system that is theoretically believed to be chaotic in nature and is certainly vastly more complex than the models. It is rather harder to feel confident about, or even understand, the arguments in climate science than those of Darwin or Copernicus.

> dispute any of them seriously (as having arguments worth listening to; in
> the case of global warming, those who are misled can potentially be
> threats within the political process).

Anyone who fails to question the evidence and conclusions is not doing science. I lack the time, detailed knowledge and inclination to even attempt to keep up with the flood of publications in the field and assess them for credibility let alone review the past work - what I have seen does not fill me with confidence that the science involved is settled and lacking significant dispute. The biggest issue with climate science is that there is no way to perform a controlled experiment.

That being said I am fully in favour of most of the measures proposed to control global warming, it makes sense to reduce pollution, stop using fossil fuels, be more efficient and so on whether we are driving ourselves into a climate catastrophe, staving off an ice age, having no effect at all or something else altogether (my guess).

London is far less unpleasant (and toxic) without all the sooty coal fires and floating sewage and it will be far less unpleasant still without all the internal combustion engines and oil fired heating systems - I might even get to see it like that.

If fear of global warming is what it takes to get the job done I'm all for it. If the fear is justified then I hope it all works out,

otherwise I'm strongly in favour of cleaner air and sustainable living anyway. There is a danger that if global warming were to be seriously discredited it would be taken as a green light to pollute more and live even less sustainably. That would be bad IMHO even if the the discrediting were proved valid.

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Which is of course why the gods created us in the first place - to relieve the boredom. It's one of the few pieces of theology that makes perfect sense to me - given a god alone in the void.

> However if you started humanity again from scratch then science would
> eventually rebuild itself pretty much as it is today. Science is a way
> of describing the world in a rigorous method of
> observe-predict-test-observe.

No guarantee that the method would be invented though - how long did it take us to get round to it let alone adopt it as the principle approach to investigating the world ?

> However religions would rise and fall totally differently in response to
> historical and geological events. Floods, storms, disease, war etc would
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Indeed, but I'm pretty sure there would be religions, we seem to like them.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 09:58:08 GMT
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Originally posted by: Kerr-Mudd,John

On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 02:23:39 GMT, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:

[]

> <http://tinyurl.com/yco2jukg>

>

> (PSE&G completes utility-pole solar installation)

How rare! a webpage uncluttered with a picture!

...

>

> Their plan for energy storage is not complete but there is some info
> here:

>

> <http://tinyurl.com/yd2mvy3j>

Ah; that's more like it. A gratuitous snap of a meter.

>

> PSEG is proposing to spend \$180 million on its energy storage
program,

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Bah, and indeed, Humbug.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 10:00:27 GMT

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Originally posted by: Kerr-Mudd,John

On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 00:55:54 GMT, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Wed, 5 Dec 2018 06:38:41 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca>
> wrote:

>

>> On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:44:19 AM UTC-7, Peter Flass wrote:
>>

>>> If someone wants to do work in the fields touched on here, they have
>>> to work climate change in, and they'd better not disagree with the
>>> established consensus or they get ostracized and denied publication,
>>> grants, tenure, etc.

>>

>> This misses an important distinction. The Nazi racial theories were
>> false. Current awareness of global warming is true and correct.
>> Disagreeing with the current consensus is a valid cause for rejection,
>> just like disagreeing with Copernicus or Darwin.

>

> And when the glaciers start moving south again are you still going to
> feel that way?

>

>

Oh you do like to argue; they're well in retreat at the moment.

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Bah, and indeed, Humbug.

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 12:55:01 GMT

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Posted by [scott](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 13:29:56 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
> On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 16:31:15 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
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>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:50:08 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
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>>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 15:00:47 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
>>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> Efficiency of solar panels will become better (compare those from the
>>>> 1980s to from today). But people have to put them on their
>>>> roofs. Governments should encourage that by paying a part of the
>>>> cost. Some European countries have this in place.
>>>
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>>> worthless.
>>
>> No. Even without battery they produce electricity the owner would not
>> otherwise draw from the grid. Of course a battery would help to further
>> reduce the dependency from the grid.
>
> So you're going to crank up the steel mill every morning and shut it
> down every night?

He never said that.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 13:52:44 GMT
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But that means that solar without storage is limited to only eliminating *part* of the fossil fuel consumption for electrical power, not all of it, the way nuclear and hydroelectricity are.

John Savard

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One would think that is blindingly obvious to anyone. Nobody has claimed that solar can or will supplant all of our current generation. A mix of generation sources is required, clearly.

Any effort to reduce the burning of fossil fuels must be applauded (as a chemical feedstock, they're still essential).

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Originally posted by: JimP

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>>>> > northern parts of Russia. Then you should know what snow is.
>>>>
>>>> ???? I think you're reversing your digits there or something. 37
>>>> North is San Francisco, Seville, and Athens.
>>>
>>> Oh dang, I did. I thought when the UK is at around the 51 Parallel lower
>>> numbers should be north of that.
>>>
>>> When did they change that? ;-)
>>
>> North Pole has always been 90° north.
>>
>
> Talking of mad notions, the 'Thule Society' in Germany around 1900,
> believed that there was a hole in the earth up there, and one could
> enter through that into the hollow center.

There are still people that believe that. And a hole in the Antarctic.
I have seen no evidence of either one.

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Jim

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If the figures are anything near the truth. For instance, Brasil is really animist in the lower reaches of Society, Europe has given up _real_ Christianity years ago in the more well off regions. A large section of Islam is really animist. Hinduism seems to an outsider to be a tangle of beliefs, and Japan is largely Shinto, really animist. There seem to be an endless variety of Jews, a large number seem to believe in no God at all.

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Loads OK in W10.

Interesting the Frost and Snow belts, because I thought that the whole of Yank was snowbound in the winter.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 18:20:16 GMT

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Of course - well another option is superconducting cables running round the planet bringing power from where the sun shines to where it doesn't. My favoured option is safe nuclear (ie. intrinsically incapable of melting down) for the baseload with solar, hydro tide, wind, geothermal etc as available backed up by enough storage (battery, pumped hydro, hoisted blocks, massive gyroscopes ... whatever works[1]) to hold it all together.

[1] All of these are either in use or in serious development today - the

numbers on the gyroscopic storage design are scary.

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Question is how are they counted, for a long time in the UK it was normal to put CofE in the religion box and only visit church for weddings and funerals. Lip service religion is very common which makes it hard to tell where it ends and faith begins.

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Posted by [usenet](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 20:05:57 GMT

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On Wed, 5 Dec 2018 13:30:39 -0600, Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:

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>> no clue about what religion is. That's not surprising, because most people and

>> society in general have warped ideas about religion.
>
> So perhaps you should enlighten us on what "religion" really is.
> (Personally, I think it's "irrational belief in things for which there
> is little evidence and no possibility of proof, but I'm open to other
> definitions.)

Since I don't feel like typing up my exegesis at the moment, let me forestall it by throwing out some questions to chew on:

What is meant by spiritual practice?

Why do people engage in it?

What is the connection between spiritual practice and religion?

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>>>> The religionist quoted above attempts to classify everyone in terms
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>>>> those who do NOT live in the world of make-believe.
>>>
>>> You do however require faith to believe in science - science is
>>> based on the belief that the universe is logically consistent, there
>>> is no way to prove that. Logic is no less a human construct than Zeus
>>> - unless Plato was right.
>>
>> Exactly. Logic and science are both human creations. If every human
>> were to vanish from the universe in an instant, science would
>> disappear with them.
>
> I'm not getting your point. All humans gone means everything goes,
> including religion.

Science is not "out there" somewhere. It does not exist independently of humans. Therefore science is not objective reality -- it is a human creation.

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>
> Most people are religious.

Why are people religious? What is religion about? Where do religions come from?

I submit that most people, religious or not, don't really know the answers to these questions, and have never spent much time thinking about them.

There has been discussion here recently about people who uncritically follow or believe the proclamations of scientists. I think that a much larger percentage of people who claim to be religious do the same thing -- they go through the motions of their religion without really knowing what they are doing or why.

This is a pity, because religion -- like science -- is a tool that can produce useful results when used properly. And like any tool, it is important to know what it is used for and what its limitations are.

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>> Huge <[Huge@nowhere.much.invalid](#)> wrote:
>>
>>> If there are unquestionable dogmas, it isn't science.
>>
>> There is one unquestionable dogma behind science - the assumption
>> that the universe can be modelled.
>
> Yes. Similarly, that science can explain everything. Also that science is the
> best way to apprehend the world. Underlying these is the assumption that there
> is such a thing as objective reality, separate from an observer. Science is
> also predicated on the assumption of reliable and consistent measurement.
> Anything that can't be measured is generally outside the purview of science,
> and is often labeled with the pejorative of "unscientific."

Another implicit assumption is that science is impartial, neutral, or "value free."

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 20:45:21 GMT
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Someone once wrote a book about the many "Varieties of Religious Experience". But many people, when they think of religion, assign the term one meaning based on what religious belief leads people to do in *their neighborhood*.

So people who live next door to Evangelicals and Fundamentalists are going to define "religion" different from those whose neighbors are Buddhists, Hindus, and Kabbalists.

John Savard

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Science is a human activity. Its purpose, however, is to come to grips with objective reality.

Science will disappear if there are no intelligent beings practising it. But the objects of the physical world will continue behaving as they naturally behave, which will be in accordance to many of the characteristics of that behavior which science has elucidated.

Logic and mathematics are perhaps a different case. In the human activity of mathematics, we come to grips with something that seems to be as it is independently of our wishes, and yet it doesn't seem to exist anywhere outside our minds. Yet, the rules of logic work very well in making inferences about the real world.

Let's just say that the philosophy of mathematics is a serious subject.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 21:36:14 GMT

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>
> On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 16:41:24 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
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>> Growing food to feed the world's population is an entirely different problem.
>
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I don't understand what you are saying. Fry, bake, cook?

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 21:39:49 GMT

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If you for example live in Texas you have a good chance to be less reliable on fossil fuels putting solar panels on the roof. You might not be able to 100% backup your energy needs with renewables, but should get

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> That battery can be anywhere on the grid.

>

> PSE@G in NJ has 174,000 solar panels installed on utility poles.

> Interesting article here:

>

> <http://tinyurl.com/yco2jukg>

That's a local adventure. And I think you are right that none of local energy suppliers currently cover 100% of its need by renewables.

But let's use Germany as example again. According to

< <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/germany-green-technology-record-power-generation-35-per-cent-renewables-solar-wind-turbines-a7820156.html> >

she currently covers 35% of her total energy needs from newables. Yes, not 100%, but it increases in the future. Let's think 30 years ahead. May be the 100% coverage is reached.

Germany has a relative small coast line with 88 million citizens compared to the around 350 million of the US. But the US coast lines is much greater. If the US would add wind turbines with the density Germany has to its shores she should achieve an even better result.

May be we have to wait until Trump is gone and hope his successor thinks more into the future of his people.

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Posted by [scott](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 22:03:32 GMT

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Ferment into alcohol and use as an petrol/gasoline additive.
(Maize/Corn in america, sugar cane in Brazil, etc).

(With an EROEI of damn near 1, which is horrible use of food).

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 22:09:50 GMT

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> demand from the grid.

:~)

I don't want to say renewables can today reliably remove fossil
fuels. But it already reduces their use, harming the environment less.

Much like a hybrid car (if the electrical part is charged by green energy
like produced by hydro). You use the electric engine if charged and only
fall back to combustion if not. Helping the environment for now.

But it's important to stress out that a pure electric car or hybrid is
only "green", if its electric charge also comes from green sources
< <https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/2017/12/electric-cars-and-climate-change.html>>.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 22:23:07 GMT

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Perhaps, or perhaps now that God isn't keeping things consistent to
see how well we work it out it will all suddenly change to something
completely unrelated at the will of God. Of course we'll never know.

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You lose and Bill collects. | <http://www.sohara.org/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

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Hmm, Germany and the very windy North Sea...

Go here:

<https://globalwindatlas.info/>

Notice the German coastline looks like it has as much or more red area than the USA. I found a PDF that shows Germany has a huge offshore wind field.

Looks to me like for the USA the coast is not so good from South Carolina, around Florida, and the entire gulf.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 23:11:30 GMT
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there is no food problem. For instance, from early in WWII, the UK made efforts to minimise imports of food, until someone discovered that they

were producing more than they needed, at which time a lot of supports were stopped.

They were exporting a lot of barley for malting and beer making in Germany, which balanced things like tropical fruits that were imported. In more recent times, they can produce tropical fruit in underground caves, less dependence on weather, lighting and heat through LED's.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 23:33:51 GMT

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On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 16:36:14 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>> Are you kidding? We literally have food to burn.

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> I don't understand what you are saying. Fry, bake, cook?

I am saying "burn". I see a sign that says "burn the bean" every time we pass Louis Dreyfus Company's bean plant in Claypool.

Further south, there's a plant that burns corn -- not the cobs and stalks, as one would expect, but the edible seed.

There are also corn-burning heating stoves on the market -- again, the seeds, not the cobs and stalks.

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Joy Beeson

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<http://wlweather.net/PAGEJOY/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 23:45:16 GMT

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maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-05, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>>> When did they change that? ;-)
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>> North Pole has always been 90° north.
>>
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> Talking of mad notions, the 'Thule Society' in Germany around 1900,
> believed that there was a hole in the earth up there, and one could
> enter through that into the hollow center.

It's strange to realize that in those days both poles were Terra Incognita.
People's imaginations could put anything there, from Santa Claus to
Lovecraft's ruined cites of elder civilizations. Lovecraft was writing in
the 20s and 30s.

>
> More worrying, there are reports that if the Greenland Ice melts, the
> abandoned nuclear plant at the Thule base would leak radiocative
> horrors that would flow down the baffin Channel, heading eventually
> for Noo Jerk.
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>

Much diluted, but watch out for Godzilla.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 23:45:17 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> Disagreeing with the current consensus is a valid cause for rejection,
>> just like disagreeing with
>> Copernicus or Darwin.
>
> And when the glaciers start moving south again are you still going to
> feel that way?
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Newton was considered the one true prophet for many years. It took a lot to convince hidebound scientists that there were some holes in his theories.

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Pete

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Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
> On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 10:12:56 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:
>
>> I am unaware of anything in Copernicus or Darwin that justify the theory of
>> 'global warming'.
>
> There's nothing in Copernicus that justifies Darwin's theory of evolution by
> natural selection either.
>
> It's just that all three are things that scientists agree on which are
> enormously likely to be true. There is no reason to take those who dispute any
> of them seriously (as having arguments worth listening to; in the case of global
> warming, those who are misled can potentially be threats within the political
> process).

But, the ideas and research of those who disagree should be subjected to the same scrutiny as the consensus. Placing it on the index of forbidden books does no one any good. Publish it and poke holes in it - or not. That's how science is supposed to work.

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 23:45:20 GMT
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Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

>
> If fear of global warming is what it takes to get the job done I'm
> all for it. If the fear is justified then I hope it all works out,
> otherwise I'm strongly in favour of cleaner air and sustainable living
> anyway. There is a danger that if global warming were to be seriously
> discredited it would be taken as a green light to pollute more and live
> even less sustainably. That would be bad IMHO even if the the discrediting
> were proved valid.
>

Global warming and pollution are related, but not joined at the hip. The developed world is doing a fair job of reducing pollution today. I expect the economics of fossil fuel will do more so in the future, without totalitarian regulations.

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Pete

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Thu, 06 Dec 2018 23:45:22 GMT
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> There are still people that believe that. And a hole in the Antarctic.
> I have seen no evidence of either one.

Some very interesting stuff under the Antarctic, though.

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> Of course - well another option is superconducting cables running
> round the planet bringing power from where the sun shines to where it
> doesn't. My favoured option is safe nuclear (ie. intrinsically incapable of
> melting down) for the baseload with solar, hydro tide, wind, geothermal etc
> as available backed up by enough storage (battery, pumped hydro, hoisted
> blocks, massive gyroscopes ... whatever works[1]) to hold it all together.

Sounds good to me, I don't know why there isn't more push for pumped storage. Batteries are costly and polluting to produce and, we see now, inherently dangerous.

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Pete

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 00:54:36 GMT
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The thing is though it doesn't fix the CO2 problem and if you don't
care about the CO2 problem then there's no urgent need to do
anything.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 00:55:25 GMT
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I see that that you want people to spend lots of money doing something
that confers no real benefit.

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> I regularly use my drier and washing machine during the day at no cost
> from the grid. My fridge and freezer run continuously so any use in the
> day is effectively free. I have a hot tub and it draws power from the
> panels during the day as well.

> ...and then what I do not use gets fed to the grid and I get paid for
> that. I get paid for supplying the grid at a lesser rate than I pay when
> drawing from the grid so feeding the grid is my last resort.

>

> So hardly useless.

So how much did your solar array cost?

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The thing is, none of this helps _enough_ to make any difference.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 00:59:58 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 10:00:27 -0000 (UTC), "Kerr-Mudd,John"

<notsaying@invalid.org> wrote:

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> Oh you do like to argue; they're well in retreat at the moment.

They were "well in retreat" 100,000 years ago too. But 25,000 years ago they were a mile deep over most of what we call today "Western Civilization".

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

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Ethanol from corn, I suspect.

It is claimed that such famines as currently take place in the world are due only to local disruptions in transport caused by military conflicts. However, that won't stay true indefinitely.

John Savard

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> see how well we work it out it will all suddenly change to something
> completely unrelated at the will of God. Of course we'll never know.

That is a possibility I was not considering. I was assuming that objective reality just is, and won't change in response to whether or not humans do science. Of course if there was Someone who could change it, all bets would be off.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 07:33:46 GMT
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On Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 4:45:20 PM UTC-7, Peter Flass wrote:

> Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

>> On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 10:12:56 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:

>>> I am unaware of anything in Copernicus or Darwin that justify the theory of
>>> 'global warming'.

>> There's nothing in Copernicus that justifies Darwin's theory of evolution by
>> natural selection either.

>> It's just that all three are things that scientists agree on which are
>> enormously likely to be true. There is no reason to take those who dispute any
>> of them seriously (as having arguments worth listening to; in the case of global
>> warming, those who are misled can potentially be threats within the political
>> process).

> But, the ideas and research of those who disagree should be subjected to
> the same scrutiny as the consensus. Placing it on the index of forbidden
> books does no one any good. Publish it and poke holes in it - or not.
> That's how science is supposed to work.

That's true enough in principle, but it conceals a host of false assumptions.

What is currently happening is that the findings of "climate skeptics" are receiving a wildly disproportionate amount of publicity. Part of this is because they correspond to wishful thinking... and part of this is because of actions funded by oil companies.

This stuff is documented.

And it's having a corrosive effect on the political process. Politicians are actually managing to get elected who are failing to recognize the menace of global warming, and who are failing to support appropriate action to deal with it.

So don't accuse scientists whose goal is to save the world from an environmental disaster of wanting to set themselves up as Inquisitors. People who come out with kooky lunatic fringe theories used to be marginalized - not burned at the stake. If they're not marginalized now, that seems to be because oil company money has influenced segments of the mass media to treat so-called "climate skeptics" as something different from what they are - kooks or shills.

The climate skeptics should share the same obscurity as the people who want to cure cancer with coffee enemas.

John Savard

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 07:38:30 GMT
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Maybe sooner because of global warming if the Gulf Stream gets messed up because of it.

Otherwise, the effects of AGW are going to hit on a rather shorter timescale than the end of the interglacial will. So there is no contradiction between the two upcoming climate events.

John Savard

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 08:05:40 GMT
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Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Sounds good to me, I don't know why there isn't more push for pumped
> storage. Batteries are costly and polluting to produce and, we see now,
> inherently dangerous.

Pumped storage requires the right geography to make it work, then there's politics and NIMBY.

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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> The thing is though it doesn't fix the CO2 problem and if you don't
> care about the CO2 problem then there's no urgent need to do
> _anything_.

Some of us thought that getting off fossil fuels and reducing
pollution was a seriously good idea long before CO2 fear was popular.

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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> I see that that you want people to spend lots of money doing something
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A good many people have installed grid tied solar precisely because
they see a direct benefit and a long term net profit to themselves.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 08:10:52 GMT

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On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 17:09:50 -0500

Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> But it's important to stress out that a pure electric car or hybrid is
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OTOH if your car burns petroleum products it can never be "green".

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 08:59:01 GMT
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Back before railways, etc, it was common in the British Isles for a
famine in one area, glut in another thirty or so miles away.

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Maus@ireland.com
Opinions offered om any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 09:04:34 GMT
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On 2018-12-06, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>> On 2018-12-05, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>> Talking of mad notions, the 'Thule Society' in Germany around 1900,
>> believed that there was a hole in the earth up there, and one could
>> enter through that into the hollow center.
>
> It's strange to realize that in those days both poles were Terra Incognita.
> People's imaginations could put anything there, from Santa Claus to
> Lovecraft's ruined cities of elder civilizations. Lovecraft was writing in
> the 20s and 30s.

Lovecraft was a very odd man. I think our real knowledge of
the polar regions started around 1955, the International * year.
I read in some of the nuttier websites that there is a growing source
of heat from under the icepack near the South Pole.

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Maus@ireland.com

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!!!! Run (Where?), we are all going to die!.. Horribly!! (I like the Arabic
way of emphasising an action by doubling the inner consonants)..
Immediatly if not sooner, the whole world will leave the solar system!!!!

To prevent this, sign your name on a \$100 bill and send it to me.

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Maus@ireland.com
Opinions offered om any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 14:20:56 GMT
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Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> writes:

> On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 17:09:50 -0500
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>
>> But it's important to stress out that a pure electric car or hybrid is
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>
> OTOH if your car burns petroleum products it can never be "green".

If your car gets good mileage, it is definitely "greener" than
a car that doesn't get good mileage.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 14:25:21 GMT
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Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> writes:
> Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
>> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 05:52:44 -0800 (PST)
>> Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
>>
>>> On Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 12:00:03 AM UTC-7, Ahem A Rivet's Shot
>>> wrote:
>>>
>>>> No, you just burn less fuel during the day solar without storage
>>>> saves fuel not plant.
>>>
>>> But that means that solar without storage is limited to only eliminating
>>> *part* of the fossil fuel consumption for electrical power, not _all_ of
>>
>> Of course - well another option is superconducting cables running
>> round the planet bringing power from where the sun shines to where it
>> doesn't. My favoured option is safe nuclear (ie. intrinsically incapable of
>> melting down) for the baseload with solar, hydro tide, wind, geothermal etc
>> as available backed up by enough storage (battery, pumped hydro, hoisted
>> blocks, massive gyroscopes ... whatever works[1]) to hold it all together.
>
> Sounds good to me, I don't know why there isn't more push for pumped
> storage. Batteries are costly and polluting to produce and, we see now,
> inherently dangerous.

- 1) Pumped storage requires a certain geographical topology and a mechanism to prevent the water from leaving - e.g. a dam. Both of which are not easily located close to generation sources. We do have a pumped storage reservoir a few miles away (San Luis), but that's mainly to store water for the 200+ days a year without rain. The fact that it generates power when released during the late summer is a bonus.
- 2) There are far less dangerous battery technologies than Lilon for storage purposes (see, for example, sulfur flow batteries) in development.

<https://spectrum.ieee.org/energywise/energy/renewables/new-sulfur-flow-battery-could-provide-affordable-longterm-grid-storage>

3) There are other ways of storing energy (molten metals, flywheels, et. alia).

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 14:30:20 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 07:29:15 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>

>> On 05/12/2018 21:31, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

>>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:50:08 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>> The panels can be perfectly efficient, but without storage they're

>>>> worthless.

>>>

>>> No. Even without battery they produce electricity the owner would not

>>> otherwise draw from the grid. Of course a battery would help to further

>>> reduce the dependency from the grid.

>>

>> Indeed.

>> I have a 4kW solar array but no battery and find they work fine.

>> I can use the power from my panels while the sun shines and reduce my
>> demand from the grid.

>> I regularly use my drier and washing machine during the day at no cost

>> from the grid. My fridge and freezer run continuously so any use in the

>> day is effectively free. I have a hot tub and it draws power from the

>> panels during the day as well.

>> ...and then what I do not use gets fed to the grid and I get paid for

>> that. I get paid for supplying the grid at a lesser rate than I pay when

>> drawing from the grid so feeding the grid is my last resort.

>>

>> So hardly useless.

>

> So how much did your solar array cost?

You are quite argumentative, and you have a tendency to move the goalposts for your own argumentative ends, but I believe that multiple posters have indicates a six to seven year payback period.

As it happens, my 4kw setup cost about \$10k and will pay itself back in 6.5 years or less (rates for electricity do increase over time, after all). A certain level of generation is guaranteed by the manufacturer for a quarter century, at which time replacement panels will be less expensive and more efficient).

So, solar is a net benefit to _me_ (not even considering the

increase in home value) and will reduce fossil fuel use as a pleasant bonus which is a net benefit to _you_.

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Posted by [scott](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 14:32:06 GMT
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>> < <https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/2017/12/electric-cars-and-climate-change.html>>.
>
> The thing is, none of this helps _enough_ to make any difference.

If you believe that, instead of acting as a nattering nabob of negativity, why don't you propose a solution, or set of solutions?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 16:11:29 GMT
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Originally posted by: songbird

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no, actual burning of corn. it was a fad that has passed for the most part. but otherwise also yes, many piles of corn are being turned into ethanol for adding to gasoline.

> It is claimed that such famines as currently take place in the world are due

> only to local disruptions in transport caused by military conflicts. However,
> that won't stay true indefinitely.

not at our current rate of destruction.

songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 19:56:26 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 16:45:22 -0700, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com>
wrote:

> JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
>> On 5 Dec 2018 22:55:32 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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> Some very interesting stuff under the Antarctic, though.

Like lakes that aren't frozen and could have ancient water in them.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 20:16:39 GMT
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 21:01:09 GMT
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On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 22:03:32 GMT, Scott Lurndal wrote:

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> Ferment into alcohol and use as an petrol/gasoline additive.
> (Maize/Corn in america, sugar cane in Brazil, etc).
>
> (With an EROEI of damn near 1, which is horrible use of
> food).

Ah, now I get it. Thanks also to the others.

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Andreas

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 21:04:28 GMT
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You are surely taking the p***.

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Brazil is world leader in Ethanol production and "gas" stations offer mixes of Ethanol and gasoline. Any car produced after ... (when the quality of the fuel can be sensed, probably since the early 1990s) can use that fuel.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethanol_fuel_in_Brazil>

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>>
>> Yes, a step, until by improvement of solar technology (wind or let alone
>> fusion) it becomes self sustained. Until then you contribute less to the
>> climate change than solely using fossil fuels.
>

> The thing is though it doesn't fix the CO2 problem and if you don't
> care about the CO2 problem then there's no urgent need to do
> _anything_.

Fusion, solar or wind don't fix the CO2 problem? Right, it's already in the atmosphere and stay there for a long time even if we would stop all CO2 emissions tight now.

But they don't produce any CO2 other than by manufacturing.

Hopefully science has something available to block some of the sunlight reaching the earth soon.

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>> Yep. He also doesn't see the difference between the (heavy) industry
>> which currently cannot be powered by green energy and private homes where
>> it is be in part already possible if you live in the right place (lots of
>> sunshine, few or no snow cover).
>>
>> If you for example live in Texas you have a good chance to be less
>> reliable on fossil fuels putting solar panels on the roof. You might not
>> be able to 100% backup your energy needs with renewables, but should get
>> the major part of your consumption from green energy.
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With the right amount of solar panels you usually break even between five and ten years (you saved that money you didn't pay your electricity provider what the panels and installation cost you). On sunny days you cover all your need and only draw from the grid at night. Some states or provinces also pay you when you feed your surplus energy back into the grid.

Then you might have a good feeling to do something for the environment having produced less CO2.

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Andreas

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 21:27:31 GMT
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On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 17:41:57 -0500, Dan Espen wrote:

>

> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:

>

>> Germany has a relative small coast line with 88 million citizens compared
>> to the around 350 million of the US. But the US coast lines is much
>> greater. If the US would add wind turbines with the density Germany has
>> to its shores she should achieve an even better result.

>

> Hmm, Germany and the very windy North Sea...

>

> Go here:

>

> <https://globalwindatlas.info/>

>

> Notice the German coastline looks like it has as much or more red area
> than the USA. I found a PDF that shows Germany has a huge offshore wind
> field.

Not according to

< https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_length_of_coastline>.

The US is surrounded on three of her sides from ocean, plus Alaska, attached to Canada. Germany has two lines (North- plus East Sea, split by Denmark).

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>>

>> OTOH if your car burns petroleum products it can never be "green".

>

> If your car gets good mileage, it is definitely "greener" than

> a car that doesn't get good mileage.

Thanks. That's what I wanted to say.

But regarding the web page I posted no car is really green, even if a pure electric powered by for example hydro generated electricity. Because the manufacturing process of an electric car produces more CO2 than of a car with combustion engine.

Again, I'm not saying it's possible to be 100% green. But you can get "greener" by putting solar panels on your roof or get an electric car and should save money at the end.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments

<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 21:50:19 GMT

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Brazil (I mentioned in another article) uses sugar cane. No, not burning that itself, only the Ethanol they produce from it.

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Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 23:03:03 GMT
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Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:

> On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 17:41:57 -0500, Dan Espen wrote:
>>
>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:
>>
>>> Germany has a relative small coast line with 88 million citizens compared
>>> to the around 350 million of the US. But the US coast lines is much
>>> greater. If the US would add wind turbines with the density Germany has
>>> to its shores she should achieve an even better result.
>>
>> Hmm, Germany and the very windy North Sea...
>>
>> Go here:
>>
>> <https://globalwindatlas.info/>
>>
>> Notice the German coastline looks like it has as much or more red area
>> than the USA. I found a PDF that shows Germany has a huge offshore wind
>> field.
>
> Not according to
> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_length_of_coastline>.
>
> The US is surrounded on three of her sides from ocean, plus Alaska,

> attached to Canada. Germany has two lines (North- plus East Sea, split by
> Denmark).

I don't think you read what I posted.
Of course the USA has a bigger coast line than Germany.
That is not in question.

Germany is next to lots of water that is very good for wind
energy production near their major cities.

The USA has lots of coast that is great for wind generation
on the Alaska coast. No point in massive wind fields there.
Next, it looks like the west coast isn't bad, but not as good
as Germany. The east coast, not so good.

If we get away from coastline, the Great Lakes are pretty good.

Bottom line, the energy useful coastlines are not that different
in size.

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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Fri, 07 Dec 2018 23:16:40 GMT
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> But regarding the web page I posted no car is really green, even if a
> pure electric powered by for example hydro generated electricity. Because
> the manufacturing process of an electric car produces more CO2 than of a
> car with combustion engine.

I see a web page claiming "scientists" claim a 25% to 68% difference.

Any idea what it is about manufacturing an electric that would produce
more CO2?

Hybrids are another matter, I can see why they would need more
energy.

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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 00:36:59 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 16:14:06 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 19:54:36 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 16:39:49 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>>

>>> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 05:52:44 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc wrote:

>>>>

>>>> But that means that solar without storage is limited to only eliminating *part* of
>>>> the fossil fuel consumption for electrical power, not _all_ of it, the way nuclear
>>>> and hydroelectricity are.

>>>

>>> Yes, a step, until by improvement of solar technology (wind or let alone
>>> fusion) it becomes self sustained. Until then you contribute less to the
>>> climate change than solely using fossil fuels.

>>

>> The thing is though it doesn't fix the CO2 problem and if you don't
>> care about the CO2 problem then there's no urgent need to do
>> _anything_.

>

> Fusion, solar or wind don't fix the CO2 problem? Right, it's already in
> the atmosphere and stay there for a long time even if we would stop all
> CO2 emissions tight now.

If we stopped all CO2 emissions right now it would fix the problem,
according to IPCC.

If we aren't going for fixing it then there is no urgency about
renewables.

> But they don't produce any CO2 other than by manufacturing.

>

> Hopefully science has something available to block some of the sunlight
> reaching the earth soon.

There are at least two known solutions, however both have their own
problems.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 00:39:58 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 16:20:08 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 19:55:25 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 16:44:53 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>>

>>> Yep. He also doesn't see the difference between the (heavy) industry
>>> which currently cannot be powered by green energy and private homes where
>>> it is be in part already possible if you live in the right place (lots of
>>> sunshine, few or no snow cover).

>>>

>>> If you for example live in Texas you have a good chance to be less
>>> reliable on fossil fuels putting solar panels on the roof. You might not
>>> be able to 100% backup your energy needs with renewables, but should get
>>> the major part of your consumption from green energy.

>>

>> I see that that you want people to spend lots of money doing something
>> that confers no real benefit.

>

> With the right amount of solar panels you usually break even between five
> and ten years (you saved that money you didn't pay your electricity
> provider what the panels and installation cost you). On sunny days you
> cover all your need and only draw from the grid at night. Some states or
> provinces also pay you when you feed your surplus energy back into the
> grid.

I'm not home during the day, I only need power at night or when it's
cold.

> Then you might have a good feeling to do something for the environment
> having produced less CO2.

Sorry, but it doesn't give me any "good feeling".

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 00:42:53 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 23:38:30 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 5:55:54 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:
>> On Wed, 5 Dec 2018 06:38:41 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca>
>> wrote:
>
>>> This misses an important distinction. The Nazi racial theories were false.
>>> Current awareness of global warming is true and correct. Disagreeing with the
>>> current consensus is a valid cause for rejection, just like disagreeing with
>>> Copernicus or Darwin.
>
>> And when the glaciers start moving south again are you still going to
>> feel that way?
>
> It is true that we are in an interglacial period, and someday the glaciers will
> start moving south again.
>
> Maybe sooner because of global warming if the Gulf Stream gets messed up because
> of it.
>
> Otherwise, the effects of AGW are going to hit on a rather shorter timescale
> than the end of the interglacial will. So there is no contradiction between the
> two upcoming climate events.

How about if the GW is not A? Will that make any difference?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 00:46:14 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 7 Dec 2018 09:04:34 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-06, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>> On 2018-12-05, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>>>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>>> > On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 19:03:19 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
>>>> >>
>>>> >>> northern parts of Russia. Then you should know what snow is.
>>>> >>
>>>> >> ??? I think you're reversing your digits there or something. 37
>>>> >> North is San Francisco, Seville, and Athens.
>>>> >
>>>> > Oh dang, I did. I thought when the UK is at around the 51 Parallel lower

>>>> > numbers should be north of that.
>>>> >
>>>> > When did they change that? ;-)
>>>>
>>>> North Pole has always been 90° north.
>>>>
>>>
>>> Talking of mad notions, the 'Thule Society' in Germany around 1900,
>>> believed that there was a hole in the earth up there, and one could
>>> enter through that into the hollow center.
>>
>> It's strange to realize that in those days both poles were Terra Incognita.
>> People's imaginations could put anything there, from Santa Claus to
>> Lovecraft's ruined cities of elder civilizations. Lovecraft was writing in
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If you count Jet Propulsion Laboratory as "the nuttier websites".

<<https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/news/news.php?feature=6996>>

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 07:03:48 GMT

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On 2018-12-07, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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> that confers no real benefit.

Hey, it's good for The Economy.

And get those solar panels off your roof. They're blocking
the sunlight from getting to the solar panels on _my_ roof.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 07:03:48 GMT
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On 2018-12-07, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 16:45:22 -0700
> Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>
>> Sounds good to me, I don't know why there isn't more push for pumped
>> storage. Batteries are costly and polluting to produce and, we see now,
>> inherently dangerous.
>
> Pumped storage requires the right geography to make it work, then
> there's politics and NIMBY.

Don't forget BANANA: Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anyone.

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> But they don't produce any CO2 other than by manufacturing.
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You can't do that - it'll reduce the light reaching the solar panels that will give us the energy we need.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 09:11:00 GMT
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> Fusion, solar or wind don't fix the CO2 problem? Right, it's already in
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Why ? It is actively cycled through plants and animals so reducing the production rate should reduce the level.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 09:13:51 GMT
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On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 19:39:58 -0500
J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> I'm not home during the day, I only need power at night or when it's
> cold.

You have no fridges, freezers, telephone systems, gear on standby ? Perhaps not but most households do have power usage during the day and even people present.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 09:20:44 GMT
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Maus@ireland.com

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 09:29:20 GMT

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Originally posted by: Kerr-Mudd,John

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Bah, and indeed, Humbug.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 10:26:10 GMT
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Originally posted by: Robert Billing

On Thursday, 6 December 2018 20:06:15 UTC, Questor wrote:

> This is a pity, because religion -- like science -- is a tool that can produce
> useful results when used properly. And like any tool, it is important to know
> what it is used for and what its limitations are.

1) I believe in God as a result of many years thinking about the question.

2) What I believe about God (mainly that he's quite nice really) would get me thrown out of most churches.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 12:18:34 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 09:39:53 -0000 (UTC), "Kerr-Mudd,John"
<notsaying@invalid.org> wrote:

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> []
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Bad pun, but how is that an "oil argument". IPCC says that we need to
do X or the sky will fall. So if the sky is going to fall anyway, why
bother to do anything less than X?

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 12:27:53 GMT
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The only place such "big efforts" occur is in science fiction movies.
And one that needs to be deflected has to be deflected to miss the
planet entirely or deflecting it serves no purpose.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 12:38:01 GMT
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So it is a real phenomenon. But, according to the NASA web site, a
constant one that by itself doesn't disturb the equilibrium the ice sheet has achieved.

No, global warming causes the ice to fall into the ocean. But this natural
underground heat makes the ice sheet less stable, making it more important to avoid global
warming.

What the nutty web sites do is lose the distinction between something
that was always there, and something that's changing quickly now because
of us, and so they try to claim that this heat source means what's
happening to the Antarctic ice sheet is natural.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 13:10:45 GMT
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Originally posted by: songbird

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this is not spoiled corn, etc. i'm talking about
 perfectly good kernels, bagged and sold as fuel for
 kernel burning stoves (that could also use wood
 pellets) - but like i said that fad seems to be past
 now that corn prices are higher again.

the best use for unsalable corn would be to leave
 it on the field and turn it under for the worms to
 eat. they'll take care of it.

> I have grim memories of being put to pull hulms away from a trashing machine
 > when I was young. (Those were stationry, modern ones just let the hulms go with
 > the straw)

the cobs get chopped up a bit and spread out the
 back of the harvester (unless they are making silage
 when they chop it greener instead and the whole
 plant is used - but that is a different machine).

on some farms in the past they would bring in the
 entire cob with the kernels and store those in wire
 mesh cribs. and then before that they'd bring in
 bundles of stalks with the cobs still attached

and then thresh them. i for one am glad to see more organic materials left on the fields and not having to be moved around or handled again.

songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 13:14:42 GMT
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Originally posted by: songbird

Charlie Gibbs wrote:

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> that will give us the energy we need.

not counting reducing all the photosynthesis going on for growing food or feeding the oceans animals or all the trees.

it's not a viable alternative at all.

the least expensive option to remove CO2 is to plant more trees in the tropics (trees grown in other areas won't do it as quickly as it needs to be done).

2nd best thing, reduce beef consumption.

and then the next best alternative is to not burn coal, oil or gas to begin with.

songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 13:42:52 GMT
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Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

> J. Clarke <jlclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

>> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 07:29:15 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
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>>> On 05/12/2018 21:31, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

>>>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:50:08 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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>>>> > worthless.

>>>>

>>>> No. Even without battery they produce electricity the owner would not
>>>> otherwise draw from the grid. Of course a battery would help to further
>>>> reduce the dependency from the grid.

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>>> Indeed.

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>

You're making my argument for me - when alternative generation methods become cost-efficient they will take over. We don't need coercive laws when we have economics, and that way people are happy about it too.

--

Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 13:50:06 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 08:14:42 -0500, songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:

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>>> the atmosphere and stay there for a long time even if we would stop all
>>> CO2 emissions tight now.

>>>

>>> But they don't produce any CO2 other than by manufacturing.

>>>

>>> Hopefully science has something available to block some of the sunlight
>>> reaching the earth soon.

>>

>> You can't do that - it'll reduce the light reaching the solar panels
>> that will give us the energy we need.

>

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OK, show us the numbers on reducing beef consumption and planting more

trees vs the IPCC scenarios.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 13:52:08 GMT

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 14:09:06 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 14:30:20 GMT, scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal) wrote:

> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

>> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 07:29:15 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>>

>>> On 05/12/2018 21:31, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

>>>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:50:08 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>> > The panels can be perfectly efficient, but without storage they're

>>>> > worthless.

>>>>

>>>> No. Even without battery they produce electricity the owner would not

>>>> otherwise draw from the grid. Of course a battery would help to further

>>>> reduce the dependency from the grid.

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What do you do that you are using so much electricity during the day?

My major electric uses are at night--cooking, charging the car, and in the summer air conditioning. During the day the only consumers of electricity are the pump in the furnace, the refrigerator, and various clocks and the like.

My _major_ energy expenditure is for heat, and changing that from gas to electric would be a large expenditure even disregarding the increased power consumption. That's 32KW and needed at night.

> So, solar is a net benefit to _me_ (not even considering the
> increase in home value) and will reduce fossil fuel use as a
> pleasant bonus which is a net benefit to _you_.

Why is reducing fossil fuel use a benefit to _me_? You don't know anything about me.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 14:24:26 GMT
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 15:19:17 GMT
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On 2018-12-08, songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:
> maus wrote:
>> On 2018-12-07, songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:
>>> Quadibloc wrote:
>>>> On Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 2:36:15 PM UTC-7, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:
>>>> > On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 19:00:48 -0500, Joy Beeson wrote:
>>>> > > On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 16:41:24 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
>>>> > > <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > >> Growing food to feed the world's population is an entirely different problem.
>>>>
>>>> > > Are you kidding? We literally have food to burn.
>>>>
>>>> > I don't understand what you are saying. Fry, bake, cook?
>>>>
>>>> Ethanol from corn, I suspect.
>>>
>>> no, actual burning of corn. it was a fad that has passed
>>> for the most part. but otherwise also yes, many piles of
>>> corn are being turned into ethanol for adding to gasoline.
>>>

>>>

>>>> It is claimed that such famines as currently take place in the world are due
>>>> only to local disruptions in transport caused by military conflicts. However,
>>>> that won't stay true indefinitely.

>>>

>>> not at our current rate of destruction.

>>

>> A lot of unsalable corn is burned. What else do you do with it? , stuff badly
>> polluted with weeds, damaged during harvesting, getting wet and starting to
>> ferment later, and in maize, broken kernels..

>

> this is not spoiled corn, etc. i'm talking about
> perfectly good kernels, bagged and sold as fuel for
> kernel burning stoves (that could also use wood
> pellets) - but like i said that fad seems to be past
> now that corn prices are higher again.

>

> the best use for unsalable corn would be to leave
> it on the field and turn it under for the worms to
> eat. they'll take care of it.

Sadly, unless well buried, they will sprout and make a mess of the next
harvest. They also carry disease on from year to year. (This is for wheat,
barley, oats, and for canola) Maize is different, definatly no volunteer
corn.

One may note that farm bankruptcies have risen to new heights in the
US this Winter.

>

>

>> I have grim memories of being put to pull hulms away from a trashing machine
>> when I was young. (Those were stationry, modern ones just let the hulms go with
>> the straw)

>

> the cobs get chopped up a bit and spread out the
> back of the harvester (unless they are making silage
> when they chop it greener instead and the whole
> plant is used - but that is a different machine).

>

> on some farms in the past they would bring in the
> entire cob with the kernels and store those in wire
> mesh cribs. and then before that they'd bring in
> bundles of stalks with the cobs still attached
> and then thresh them. i for one am glad to see
> more organic materials left on the fields and not

> having to be moved around or handled again.
>
>
> songbird

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 15:34:49 GMT

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On 2018-12-08, Robert Billing <robertthebilling@googlemail.com> wrote:

> On Thursday, 6 December 2018 20:06:15 UTC, Questor wrote:

>

>> This is a pity, because religion -- like science -- is a tool that can produce
>> useful results when used properly. And like any tool, it is important to know
>> what it is used for and what its limitations are.

>

> 1) I believe in God as a result of many years thinking about the question.

>

> 2) What I believe about God (mainly that he's quite nice really) would get me thrown out of most churches.

Kipling, something like.

"Ye who travel the narrow way,
by tophet flare to judgemnt day,
be gently as the heathen pray,
to Buddha at Kamakura"

We now know that Budddhists can be really nasty too.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 15:44:06 GMT

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Actually, most effective option, lower birth rate.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 16:08:03 GMT

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On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 07:18:34 -0500

J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 09:39:53 -0000 (UTC), "Kerr-Mudd,John"
> <notsaying@invalid.org> wrote:
>
>> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 00:36:59 GMT, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com>
>> wrote:
>>
>> []
>>>
>>> If we stopped all CO2 emissions right now it would fix the problem,
>>> according to IPCC.

>>>
>>> If we aren't going for fixing it then there is no urgency about
>>> renewables.
>>>
>>
>> This is the standard oil (pun) argument.
>
> Bad pun, but how is that an "oil argument". IPCC says that we need to
> do X or the sky will fall. So if the sky is going to fall anyway, why
> bother to do anything less than X?

Because there are plenty of good reasons to do X that don't depend
on AGW being true.

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We know that you are living on the planet being polluted by the
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 16:39:51 GMT
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On 08/12/2018 14:24, J. Clarke wrote:

> On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 13:52:08 +0000, Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs

> Computer <headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:

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parental influence was only one of the influences in his life.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Roger Blake](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 16:59:05 GMT

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On 2018-12-07, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> OTOH if your car burns petroleum products it can never be "green".

I don't care about that. I refuse to buy an electric car or to "go green."

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Roger Blake (Posts from Google Groups killfiled due to excess spam.)

NSA sedition and treason -- <http://www.DeathToNSAthugs.com>

Don't talk to cops! -- <http://www.DontTalkToCops.com>

Badges don't grant extra rights -- <http://www.CopBlock.org>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 17:09:18 GMT

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On 07/12/2018 23:16, Dan Espen wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 17:50:42 GMT

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Posted by [Bill Findlay](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:24:47 GMT

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On 8 Dec 2018, maus wrote

(in article <slrnq0npm6.1lm.mausg@dmaus.org>):

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Nope.

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Right, the subject at hand is manufacture.

I know a Tesla is a luxury car, perhaps the higher end trim takes more work. But that doesn't explain the difference.

I would suspect an electric would use more aluminum to be lighter but I would guess steel manufacture generates way more CO2.

I wouldn't expect putting battery components together to generate any CO2. Maybe the mining or refining of Lithium...okay found something:

<https://www.kitco.com/ind/Albrecht/2014-12-16-How-Green-is-Lithium.html>

A 2012 study titled "Science for Environment Policy" published by the European Union compares lithium ion batteries to other types of batteries available (lead-acid, nickel-cadmium, nickel-metal-hydride and sodium sulphur). It concludes that lithium ion batteries have the largest impact on metal depletion, suggesting that recycling is complicated. Lithium ion batteries are also, together with nickel-metal-hydride batteries, the most energy consuming technologies using the equivalent of 1.6kg of oil per kg of battery produced. They also ranked the worst in greenhouse gas emissions with up to 12.5kg of CO2 equivalent emitted per kg of battery.

Tesla Model 3 battery weight: 478kg

$478 * 12.5 = 5975\text{kg}$ of CO2 per car

Next, find out if that is a significant part of the total.

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Dan Espen

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We simply have to change our burial practices.

Coal comes from buried vegetable matter.
Oil comes from buried animal matter.

To be sustainable, we only need to bury animals in the right
rock formation, cover, and wait a few million years.

Too bad we can't use leaves. Lots of them here in NJ.

So, I agree. Long term, oil will become increasingly difficult
to obtain. Our descendants won't thank us for wasting the stuff.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 20:11:10 GMT
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On 2018-12-08, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 8 Dec 2018 09:29:20 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>> I read that there are big efforts to put an assembly of rockets
>> into space, in case a large meteor heads our way.
>>
>> If that happens, I would quickly make sure that my investment portfolio
>> does not include anything to do with property in Tel Aviv or Tehran.
>
> The only place such "big efforts" occur is in science fiction movies.
> And one that needs to be deflected has to be deflected to miss the
> planet entirely or deflecting it serves no purpose.

That means you have to nudge it while it's still a long way out.
And that means that you have to be able to move those rockets anywhere
in the celestial sphere in a hurry - which means that you have to detect
the incoming meteor when it's a _very_ long way out - and correctly
identify it as a threat so your effort isn't wasted.

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)

/\ I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.

X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.

/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 20:14:47 GMT

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OK elsewhere I find that steel making produces CO2 at approximately
2:1 by weight - so a typical 200Kg engine only produces 400Kg of CO2. The
model 3 weighs about 1.6 Tonnes - so perhaps 2000Kg of CO2 for about a
tonne of steel. So yes the battery is very significant in production CO2.

Burning fuel produces about 2.5Kg of CO2 per litre (a bit less for
petrol, more for diesel), so about 2200 litres of fuel to match the CO2
cost of the battery - perhaps 45,000km. Looks like electric wins hands down
over the average life of a car.

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> harvest. They also carry disease on from year to year. (This is for wheat,

> barley, oats, and for canola) Maize is different, definatly no volunteer

> corn.

they plow 'em under.

....

songbird

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 20:46:21 GMT

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Also regarding that there is this 12 mile zone.

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Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 20:53:48 GMT
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Originally posted by: songbird

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 20:54:14 GMT
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On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 18:16:40 -0500, Dan Espen wrote:

>
> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:
>
>> But regarding the web page I posted no car is really green, even if a
>> pure electric powered by for example hydro generated electricity. Because
>> the manufacturing process of an electric car produces more CO2 than of a
>> car with combustion engine.
>
> I see a web page claiming "scientists" claim a 25% to 68% difference.
>
> Any idea what it is about manufacturing an electric that would produce
> more CO2?
>
> Hybrids are another matter, I can see why they would need more
> energy.

< <https://www.theicct.org/publications/EV-battery-manufacturing-emissions> >
says:

| Battery manufacturing life-cycle emissions debt is quickly paid off. An
| electric vehicle's higher emissions during the manufacturing stage are

| paid off after only 2 years compared to driving an average conventional
| vehicle, a time frame that drops to about one and a half years if the
| car is charged using renewable energy.

It's apparently the battery itself causing higher CO2 emission during
manufacturing.

The source I got the information originally from was from the Canadian
science show Quirks And Quarks on the radio.

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Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 21:01:44 GMT
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On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 19:39:58 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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> On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 16:20:08 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

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Then an additional battery would be perfect for you. Yes, higher costs
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But even if there is no one besides living with you might have a fridge
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low in the winter.

>> Then you might have a good feeling to do something for the environment
>> having produced less CO2.
>
> Sorry, but it doesn't give me any "good feeling".

That's what I thought.

Now that it's clear I will not continue replying to you (in this "discussion").

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Andreas

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 21:04:21 GMT
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> that will give us the energy we need.

Actually, *if* there was a reliable working solution in place, fuck global warming. We could then continue emitting CO2.

But AFAIK there is no *reliable* solution available.

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Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 21:13:53 GMT

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On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 09:11:00 +0000, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

>
> On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 16:14:06 -0500
> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>
>> Fusion, solar or wind don't fix the CO2 problem? Right, it's already in
>> the atmosphere and stay there for a long time even if we would stop all
>> CO2 emissions tight now.
>
> Why ? It is actively cycled through plants and animals so reducing
> the production rate should reduce the level.

Not enough is recycled. While

<<https://www.skepticalscience.com/co2-residence-time.htm>> claims:

| Individual carbon dioxide molecules have a short life time of around 5
| years in the atmosphere. However, when they leave the atmosphere,
| they're simply swapping places with carbon dioxide in the ocean. The
| final amount of extra CO2 that remains in the atmosphere stays there
| on a time scale of centuries.

I heard and read that in other sources too.

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Andreas

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 21:45:15 GMT

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They need to put turbines where there are high, steady, frequent winds.
Germany seems blessed in that regard.

> Also regarding that there is this 12 mile zone.

From Wikipedia:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Offshore_oil_and_gas_in_the_United_States

Traditionally, nations owned the territory extending 12 nautical miles (22 km) from shore. In 1945, President Harry Truman issued a proclamation extending US jurisdiction over mineral resources to the edge of the continental shelf; the proclamation was codified by Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953. The Geneva Convention on the continental shelf in 1958 recognized the right of each nation to the mineral resources on its adjacent continental shelf, out to a water depth of 200 m. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation extending the US Exclusive Economic Zone to 200 nautical miles (370 km) from the shore.[4]

The North Sea is covered with oil platforms. Way beyond 12 miles.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 23:16:29 GMT
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For most people, it takes 9 months.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 23:18:41 GMT
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Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:

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> [34 lines snipped]
>
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> If they're having children then of course they don't GAS about the future
> of the planet.

Actually, one child per mother is way below replacement rate.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Sat, 08 Dec 2018 23:37:37 GMT
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maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
> On 2018-12-08, Robert Billing <robertthebilling@googlemail.com> wrote:
>> On Thursday, 6 December 2018 20:06:15 UTC, Questor wrote:
>>
>>> This is a pity, because religion -- like science -- is a tool that can produce
>>> useful results when used properly. And like any tool, it is important to know
>>> what it is used for and what its limitations are.
>>
>> 1) I believe in God as a result of many years thinking about the question.
>>
>> 2) What I believe about God (mainly that he's quite nice really) would
>> get me thrown out of most churches.
>
> Kipling, something like.
>
> "Ye who travel the narrow way,
> by tophet flare to judgemnt day,
> be gently as the heathen pray,
> to Buddha at Kamakura"
>
> We now know that Budddhists can be really nasty too.

>
>

Unfortunately. I used to think that at least one group had ben spared. In recent cases, as in old times, religion is a proxy for ethnicity, class, etc.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:03:42 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 10:50:34 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

> songbird <songbird@anthive.com> writes:
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>> not counting reducing all the photosynthesis going
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Not a chance of that hitting the IPCC recommendations. Now a global
thermonuclear war . . .

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:05:03 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:16:29 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
wrote:

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If IPCC is correct, we don't _have_ "a few hundred years". We've got
ten.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:06:00 GMT
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But we have already determined that you know very little so forgive us
for discounting your opinion in the matter.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:09:01 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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> electricity you don't want to get home when temperatures might be very
> low in the winter.

My heater is not powered by electricity. Only a FUCKING IDIOT has a heater powered by electricity in the contemporary world.

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>> Sorry, but it doesn't give me any "good feeling".
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> That's what I thought.
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> Now that it's clear I will not continue replying to you (in this
> "discussion").

I see, so the only people with whom you will converse are those who will spend huge amounts of money to have "good feelings"? Might I suggest that if that is the case you would likely be much happier associating with drug addicts than with superannuated computer people.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:09:38 GMT
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Which benefits me in no manner.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:11:44 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 17:09:18 +0000, Andrew Swallow
<am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:

> On 07/12/2018 23:16, Dan Espen wrote:
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> Electric cars are charged from the grid. The grid gets much of its power
> from coal burning power stations.

In the US less than 19 percent.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:23:32 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:24:47 +0000, Bill Findlay
<findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

> On 8 Dec 2018, maus wrote
> (in article <slrnq0npm6.1lm.mausg@dmaus.org>):
>
>> On 2018-12-08, J Clarke<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>>> On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 13:52:08 +0000, Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs
>>> Computer <headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:
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>>> A friend of mine came to God late in life. He was raised atheist by
>>> atheists, so the notion that it was "deeply instilled in him" before
>>> he started to give it thought has little support. The thing that got
>>> him started was the recognition that many of the faculty members at
>>> Cornell were believers of one kind or another. Since he had been
>>> taught that religion was the exclusive domain of the ignorant and
>>> since faculty members at Cornell did not meet any reasonable-to-him
>>> definition of "ignorant" it became clear to him that there was
>>> something wrong with the story he had been told and he set about
>>> investigating. During the course of that investigation he managed to
>>> earn a PhD in History.
>>>>
>>> He is now devoutly Catholic.
>>>>
>>> I do not find his arguments in the matter to be compelling but I can't
>>> dismiss him as an ignoramus.
>>>>
>> Voltaire criticised the Romanists, but hedged his bets by having a Catholic
>> funeral.
>>>>
>> Nope.

He did criticise the Romanists and he did have a Catholic burial, so
you must be asserting that the motivation for doing so is something
other than a "hedging of bets". Do you have evidence of the
motivation?

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:25:53 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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> parental influence was only one of the influences in his life.

So who else provided this "deep instillation", noting that this was
New York in the 1920s and 30s, and that if he had any non-atheist
relatives hanging around they would have been Jewish, not Christian.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 00:52:53 GMT
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On 08/12/2018 23:04, Dan Espen wrote:
> The North Sea is covered with oil platforms. Way beyond 12 miles.

Britain lost the Cod War so now owns about half the North Sea.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 03:23:59 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On 7 Dec 2018 21:04:28 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 16:45:22 -0700, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com>
>> wrote:
>>> JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>> On 5 Dec 2018 22:55:32 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>>> > On 2018-12-05, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>>>> >> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>>> >>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 19:03:19 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
>>>> >>>>
>>>> >>>>> northern parts of Russia. Then you should know what snow is.
>>>> >>>>
>>>> >>>> >>>> I think you're reversing your digits there or something. 37
>>>> >>>> North is San Francisco, Seville, and Athens.
>>>> >>>>

>>>> >>> Oh dang, I did. I thought when the UK is at around the 51 Parallel lower
>>>> >>> numbers should be north of that.
>>>> >>>
>>>> >>> When did they change that? ;-)
>>>> >>
>>>> >> North Pole has always been 90° north.
>>>> >>
>>>> >
>>>> > Talking of mad notions, the 'Thule Society' in Germany around 1900,
>>>> > believed that there was a hole in the earth up there, and one could
>>>> > enter through that into the hollow center.
>>>>
>>>> There are still people that believe that. And a hole in the Antarctic.
>>>> I have seen no evidence of either one.
>>>
>>> Some very interesting stuff under the Antarctic, though.
>>
>> Like lakes that aren't frozen and could have ancient water in them.
>>
>> --
>> Jim
>
> You are surely taking the p***.

I'm unfamiliar with the terms you used. Okay, I looked that up. You are mistaken.

Geologists on the program said it was possible. They noticed a dip in the Earth's gravity field at an area under the Antarctic ice sheet. Further work, consisting of a radar flying over that area and mapping it, showed hollows under the ice sheet.

Their conclusion was that the voids are filled with water.

Places like Lake Vostok

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Jim

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 06:30:01 GMT
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On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 19:03:42 -0500
J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> Not a chance of that hitting the IPCC recommendations. Now a global
> thermonuclear war . . .

Would heat the planet worse than any amount of CO2.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 06:37:32 GMT

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On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 16:13:53 -0500

Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 09:11:00 +0000, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

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>> On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 16:14:06 -0500

>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>>

>>> Fusion, solar or wind don't fix the CO2 problem? Right, it's already in

>>> the atmosphere and stay there for a long time even if we would stop all

>>> CO2 emissions tight now.

>>

>> Why ? It is actively cycled through plants and animals so

>> reducing the production rate should reduce the level.

>

> Not enough is recycled. While

> <<https://www.skepticalscience.com/co2-residence-time.htm>> claims:

>

> | Individual carbon dioxide molecules have a short life time of around 5

> | years in the atmosphere. However, when they leave the atmosphere,

> | they're simply swapping places with carbon dioxide in the ocean. The

> | final amount of extra CO2 that remains in the atmosphere stays there

> | on a time scale of centuries.

>

> I heard and read that in other sources too.

There is indeed an equilibrium between atmospheric and ocean dissolved CO2 (CO2 solubility in water decreases with temperature in the range that happens so increasing global temperature releases CO2 to the atmosphere with about an 800 year lag) but that is not the cycle I was talking about, it's not a cycle either it's just classic dynamic equilibrium.

The cycle is plants and algae absorbing CO2 from the atmosphere while animals and burning release it. If we reduce the rate of release without reducing the population of plants and algae the concentration will go down.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 06:38:53 GMT

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On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 19:09:38 -0500

J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 16:45:15 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 09:13:06 GMT

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By international agreement, between the neighbouring countries (Not
many people know that stone age implements are frequently recovered
from the shallow middle of the North sea, are they from stone age
britain or stone age Norway.. ?)

There was a dispute between the UK and the Republic about a rock in the
atlantic called 'Rockall', Nobody lives on it, nobody could live on it.

We have seen in the last week how the US regards international law.
Rather like the way a dog regards a lightpost.

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Maus@ireland.com

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>>>>

>>>> the least expensive option to remove CO2 is to plant
>>>> more trees in the tropics (trees grown in other areas
>>>> won't do it as quickly as it needs to be done).
>>>>
>>>> 2nd best thing, reduce beef consumption.
>>>>
>>>> and then the next best alternative is to not burn
>>>> coal, oil or gas to begin with.
>>>
>>> Actually, most effective option, lower birth rate.
>>
>> doesn't work fast enough.
>
> For most people, it takes 9 months.

Famously, it can not be done by nine women in one month!

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On 2018-12-08, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>> On 2018-12-08, Robert Billing <robertthebilling@gmail.com> wrote:

>>> On Thursday, 6 December 2018 20:06:15 UTC, Questor wrote:

>>>>

>>>> This is a pity, because religion -- like science -- is a tool that can produce
>>>> useful results when used properly. And like any tool, it is important to know
>>>> what it is used for and what its limitations are.

>>>

>>> 1) I believe in God as a result of many years thinking about the question.

>>>

>>> 2) What I believe about God (mainly that he's quite nice really) would
>>> get me thrown out of most churches.

>>

>> Kipling, something like.

>>

>> "Ye who travel the narrow way,
>> by tophet flare to judgemnt day,
>> be gently as the heathen pray,
>> to Buddha at Kamakura"

>>

>> We now know that Budddhists can be really nasty too.

>>

>>

>

> Unfortunately. I used to think that at least one group had ben spared. In
> recent cases, as in old times, religion is a proxy for ethnicity, class,
> etc.

>

I agree. It seems that other tribes in the East of that country are being targeted too. We are all guilty, I suppose, in some way.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 09:29:20 GMT

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On 2018-12-09, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:24:47 +0000, Bill Findlay

> <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

>

>> On 8 Dec 2018, maus wrote

>> (in article <slrnq0npm6.1lm.mausg@dmaus.org>):

>>

>>>> He is now devoutly Catholic.

>>>>

>>>> I do not find his arguments in the matter to be compelling but I can't

>>>> dismiss him as an ignoramus.

>>>

>>> Voltaire criticised the Romanists, but hedged his bets by having a Catholic
>>> funeral.
>>
>> Nope.
>
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No, I can't ask him. I believe he is dead! :))))))

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 09:32:58 GMT

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>

> --

> Jim

Sorry, I was jesting, that work is well known. The Russians were planning
to drill into that, but others pointed out that doing that would pollute

it.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 10:12:04 GMT

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 10:45:59 GMT

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On 09/12/2018 10:26, Huge wrote:

> On 2018-12-08, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

>> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:

>>

>>> On 2018-12-08, songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:

>>>

>>> [34 lines snipped]

>>>

>>>> i find it very sad how many people pay no attention

>>>> to the future or what kind of world they want their

>>>> children to inhabit.
>>>
>>> If they're having children then of course they don't GAS about the future
>>> of the planet.
>>
>> Actually, one child per mother is way below replacement rate.
>
> Good.
>
>
The EU has decided that declining population is a major problem. It is
trying to solve by importing Muslims from Africa and the Middle East.
Taxes are being increased on whites to pay for this.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 10:51:31 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 9 Dec 2018 09:21:12 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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2002 +.16

2007 +.12

2017 +.38

Temperature anomaly for 2017 is more than twice the 2002 level. It's down a little bit from 2016, but 2014-2017 are higher than at any time since 1891 when the records I'm looking at start.

< https://ds.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/products/gwp/temp/list/yea_r_wld.html >

Note I picked the Japanese site because they're the only ones I find that actually break out the numbers, the others I found show a graph.

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What, specifically, are you on about?

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 10:53:22 GMT
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Try going into a builders providers, Swedish timber will cost you several times what Irish will. Sitka Spruce, widely grown in Ireland, is regarded as a weed in most other countries, (Irish Larch, very scarce, is good)

What is being shipped in from the Americas is little better than scrub.
It must involve clear felling large areas

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> sensible - it would probably help a lot to cut down on it, maybe I should
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When that rail transfer overland from China gets going...

Re: Funding. Nobody even now has any idea of how Brexit will affect the Republic, but if you form a company _now_, the government will give you a grant to research it.

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Presumably they want it to contain people a century from now.

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From a CO2 viewpoint, yes, it is. If we burn wood faster than we can produce it that will not be a good thing but if it is being used in a sustainable manner then it is carbon-neutral.

Note that the major energy sources for electric power in the UK are natural gas, nuclear, and wind in that order. Total coal and biofuel is less than wind.

< <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/data-portal/electricity-generation-mix-quarter-and-fuel-source-gb> >

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 11:12:56 GMT

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> Debatable. It looks like the payback time for the panels is approximately

> the same as their lifetime, so net saving is ~nil.

Payback time 6-10 years (at current electricity prices), panel life 25-30 years (I've seen 25 year guarantees specifying degradation). Looks good to me - definitely long term which puts many people off.

Solar thermal with a big heat store has a faster payback time.

The fastest payback time at all for energy related house modification is insulation unless it's already good. I did that when we built the place - guess what's next on my list.

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 11:16:33 GMT
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Well, for one thing, what does it mean to "criticize the Romanists"? One could be a devout Catholic and also believe that the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, at a particular time, was riddled with corruption or other forms of departure from the faith that church was supposed to uphold.

For another, any intelligent person would be aware of the flaw in Pascal's wager: one can't fool God by pretending to believe in Him, for He knows our innermost thoughts (if He exists). So "hedging one's bets" in this area doesn't seem rational.

Ah, according to Wikipedia...

He was critical of Christianity in general. On the other hand, a public statement of his shortly before his death noted... "I die adoring God... and detesting supersition".

There are various accounts of his death; those who opposed his public life, in which he sought religious liberty and other democratic rights, claimed he recanted before death and sought the last rites, whereas his friends claimed him defiant to his last breath.

Initially, he was denied Christian burial, but relatives took his body out of Paris to a sympathetic priest.

This account does not make it appear that Voltaire sought Christian burial so as to have better odds on getting into Heaven, but instead that his relatives wanted him to be buried in the normal place where respectable people are buried. It's not as if there were a lot of atheist cemeteries in pre-revolutionary France.

John Savard

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> times what Irish will. Sitka Spruce, widely grown in Ireland, is regarded
> as a weed in most other countries, (Irish Larch, very scarce, is good)

The only country of which I am aware in which Sitka Spruce is regarded as a "weed" is Norway, where is it displacing the native Norway Spruce.

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One of the reasons for rising populations in the Third World is that people want children to provide for them in old age. A good pension scheme would remove part of that.

For that, we will need to really clean out the financial system after the next crash.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 11:56:01 GMT
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On 2018-12-09, Quadibloc <jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
> On Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 5:23:33 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:
>> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:24:47 +0000, Bill Findlay
>> <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:
>>> On 8 Dec 2018, maus wrote
>>> (in article <[slrnq0npm6.1lm.mausg@dmaus.org](#)>):
>
>>>> Voltaire criticised the Romanists, but hedged his bets by having a Catholic
>>>> funeral.
>
>>> Nope.
>
>> He did criticise the Romanists and he did have a Catholic burial, so
>> you must be asserting that the motivation for doing so is something

>> other than a "hedging of bets". Do you have evidence of the
>> motivation?

As I wrote elsewhere, he is dead, therefore not to be questioned.

>

> Well, for one thing, what does it mean to "criticize the Romanists"? One could
> be a devout Catholic and also believe that the hierarchy of the Catholic Church,
> at a particular time, was riddled with corruption or other forms of departure
> from the faith that church was supposed to uphold.

I would not want to get into sectarian debate, but I would question if anything
has changed in Rome.

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> For another, any intelligent person would be aware of the flaw in Pascal's
> wager: one can't fool God by pretending to believe in Him, for He knows our
> innermost thoughts (if He exists). So "hedging one's bets" in this area doesn't
> seem rational.

That all depends on your definition of 'God'.

>

> Initially, he was denied Christian burial, but relatives took his body out of
> Paris to a sympathetic priest.

>

> This account does not make it appear that Voltaire sought Christian burial so as
> to have better odds on getting into Heaven, but instead that his relatives
> wanted him to be buried in the normal place where respectable people are buried.
> It's not as if there were a lot of atheist cemeteries in pre-revolutionary
> France.

>

I am a great admirer of Voltaire, he was a deeply cynical man. I like
the end of 'Candide' where, if I remember correctly, the hero left the windbags
debating the meaning of life, and went out and tended his garden.

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Which Chinese lady would that be? The only news item I can find
pertaining to a Chinese woman in Vancouver is about the arrest by
Canadian police acting on a Canadian warrant of the CFO of the world's
third largest cell phone manufacturer on charges of violating the Iran
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 12:25:27 GMT

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 12:50:30 GMT
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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 12:52:55 GMT

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Christian belief follows Jewish logic, which rules, not that there is only one God, but you are only allowed to worship one. (Not being an expert in the area, but I have seen references that the earliest sources allow for female as well as male 'other Gods'.)

I don't want to believe in a God that knows my inner thoughts.
That is best left to the 5G smartphones :)

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So? We don't see any around. What does that have to do with Sitka Spruce? Or are you laboring under the misconception that Liberty ships, famed for being the first all-welded steel ships, were made of wood?

However there was NO American SST. Not "experimental", not in service, not at all, never, ever. There were paper studies and that's as far as it got. But the Soviet SST most assuredly was put in ordinary service.

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There are complaints that Russian and Ukranian corn can be loaded in Rostov-na-Duna and shipped to Waterford Port, cheaper than trucked from Co. Meath. A lot of US grain is moved by barge along the Great river (Missississ?). Load it up, it floats along, with some power to head it in the right direction.

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Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 13:57:20 GMT

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On 09/12/2018 11:29, maus wrote:

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{snip}

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As the EU puts it:

Quote:

A new policy on legal migration

Keep Europe an attractive destination for migrants in a time of demographic decline, through actions such as reviewing the Blue Card scheme, re-prioritising integration policies, and making migration policy work better for countries of origin, for example by easing remittances.

<https://ec.europa.eu/commission/priorities/migration_en>

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Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 14:01:57 GMT

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On 09/12/2018 13:40, maus wrote:

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>> On Sun, 9 Dec 2018 03:16:33 -0800 (PST)

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 14:13:51 GMT

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I think that the sources of the Bible are more to be found North of Canaan,
as in Ugarit.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 14:16:22 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 9 Dec 2018 13:57:36 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>>>>> >> Not clear what you are referring to. Are you talking about wood
>>>>> >> pellets or something else?
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>>>>> >Wood pellets, regarded as more polluting than coal.

>>>>

>>>> They might be "more polluting" but they are carbon-neutral.

>>>

>>> The quality of the timber from the sort of scrub trees used is so poor.

>>

>> Last I heard, wood pellets were not "timber". Make up your mind what

>> you are on about.

>

> ?.. What are they, then?..,

They are pellets of wood. "Timber" is great long boards used to make buildings and ships and the like.

However since you seem to think that wood pellets are "timber", what specifically about these trees makes the wood pellets of poor quality?

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Then take it up with your government instead of whining about how a 100 meter tall tree is a "weed".

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 14:26:31 GMT

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> marginal in my book.
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>> Solar thermal with a big heat store has a faster payback time.
>>
>> The fastest payback time at all for energy related house
>> modification is insulation
>
> Couldn't agree more. By the time we moved out of our previous house there
> was >50cm in the loft.

Agreed. We got the place, an oldish house, insulated, other houses built within the last 30 years were not done. I would be very careful, on health grounds, on avoiding outside air completely.

One man nearby has built a new house, all the trimmings. Ladies going for walks by his house are going to complain about him walking about the house in his underpants, with no curtains on the windows.

(He is a Dubliner)

>
>> unless it's already good. I did that when we
>> built the place - guess what's next on my list.
>
> More insulation? :o)
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>

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 14:49:32 GMT
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 15:51:08 GMT
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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 16:38:21 GMT
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This place is warm roof, with 15cm of foil backed polyiso.

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Solar hot water - to be built into the wall of an outbuilding
beside the house. I'm not buying commercial panels though, building the
panels into the wall makes it a DIY job - more fun that way too.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith | Directable Mirror Arrays
C:>WIN | A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see
You lose and Bill collects. | <http://www.sohara.org/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 17:12:12 GMT
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maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:

> On 2018-12-09, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 17:09:18 +0000, Andrew Swallow

>> <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:

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>>> On 07/12/2018 23:16, Dan Espen wrote:

>>>> Any idea what it is about manufacturing an electric that would produce

>>>> more CO2?

>>>

>>> Electric cars are charged from the grid. The grid gets much of its power

>>> from coal burning power stations.

>>

>> In the US less than 19 percent.

>

> In the UK at the moment, no coal, but pelleted American timber.

> Thats an improvement?

In a sense, yes. The pellets aren't emitting 100 million year old carbon when burned.

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> As for WWII, notice any Liberty Ships around?

<https://www.ssjeremiahobrien.org/>

Still sails, under its own power, four or five times annually. A fun day trip under the golden gate, around alcatraz, up into the martinez straights, under the bay bridge and during fleet week, out on the bay during the airshow.

One can stay in the engine room (triple expansion steam) during the cruise, if one so desires, and they're always looking for volunteers.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [scott](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 17:18:39 GMT

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"Kerr-Mudd,John" <notsaying@invalid.org> writes:

> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 00:36:59 GMT, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com>

> wrote:

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> []

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>> If we stopped all CO2 emissions right now it would fix the problem,
>> according to IPCC.

>>

>> If we aren't going for fixing it then there is no urgency about
>> renewables.

>>

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> This is the standard oil (pun) argument.

It's a stupid argument, because CO2 isn't the only thing emitted when burning coal, oil or petroleum distillates.

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Where are you getting your data? Panel lifetime (at 80% or higher
of nameplate wattage) is guaranteed for 25 years. Average payback
around here is 6 to 7 years. Slam dunk.

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I have solar. 4kw system. I feed more into the grid on an annual basis than I draw from the grid; As I have net metering, all I pay is \$10.00/mo for the privilege of being connected to the grid. They pay me (a pittance, at the moment, but perhaps market wholesale later next year) for any excess generation at the annual true-up date. I know exactly how much I paid for the system, and I know exactly how much I no longer pay for grid electricity. Payback 6.5 years. For the 18.5 years after that, I save an annual amount of about 12-15% of my initial investment that I would otherwise have paid to the utility, which isn't a bad rate of return.

That makes it a win-win in my books.

YMMV based on insolation characteristics and local cost of electricity; in California, it's a slam dunk (and starting in 2020, required in all new residential construction (subject to waivers based on geographical impairments to insolation (coastal fog, naturally shaded locations, etc))).

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> On 2018-12-07, songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:
>> Quadibloc wrote:
>>> On Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 2:36:15 PM UTC-7, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:
>>>> On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 19:00:48 -0500, Joy Beeson wrote:
>>>> > On Wed, 05 Dec 2018 16:41:24 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
>>>> > <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> >> Growing food to feed the world's population is an entirely different problem.
>>>>
>>>> > Are you kidding? We literally have food to burn.
>>>>

>>>> I don't understand what you are saying. Fry, bake, cook?
>>>
>>> Ethanol from corn, I suspect.
>>
>> no, actual burning of corn. it was a fad that has passed
>> for the most part. but otherwise also yes, many piles of
>> corn are being turned into ethanol for adding to gasoline.
>>
>>
>>> It is claimed that such famines as currently take place in the world are due
>>> only to local disruptions in transport caused by military conflicts. However,
>>> that won't stay true indefinitely.
>>
>> not at our current rate of destruction.
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>> songbird
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> A lot of unsalable corn is burned. What else do you do with it?

Plow it under (or with modern no-till ag, just knock it down and plant over it).

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 18:04:11 GMT
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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)
\ / I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.
X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 18:31:33 GMT
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On 2018-12-09, Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:
> On 12/9/2018 12:30 AM, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
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>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>> Not a chance of that hitting the IPCC recommendations. Now a global
>>> thermonuclear war . . .
>>
>> Would heat the planet worse than any amount of CO2.
>>
> But the heating would be very localized.

You could say that!.

About 70 miles south west of here is one of the worlds most important airports[1], the US flies troops through there the whole time. The Wind here blows fairly constantly from the South West. I keep an interest in the daily news.

[1] Shannon.

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For mini-till, you need Monsanto Roundup. The local nutters are trying to get it banned. Basic crop hygiene demands that nothing is left to sprout in the field after the previous crop. What you could do is burn the stubbles, after the volunteer plants come up, but that is forbidden.

'Volunteer' is part of the previous crop sprouting.

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I thought you were in Ireland. Sorry for the confusion. In any case, this newspaper obviously has not read the UK Bioenergy Strategy, which states: "Using small roundwood and sawlogs as a source for materials and bark and branchwood as a source for bioenergy (i.e. a

use) . . ."

< https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/48337/5142-bioenergy-strategy-.pdf>
page 30.

If they are using bark they are doing what the government told them to do.

In any case the objective is not to "consume most of the pollutants", it is to maintain the CO2 balance.

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What power station is this? The only association I can find for "too cheap to meter" is in relation to nuclear power. The power station in Yorkshire that burns wood pellets was formerly burning coal. The scrubbers were installed in 1986. The conversion to pelletized wood started in 2010. So it is difficult to see any association between pelletized wood and acid rain in the Black Forest.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drax_power_station>

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Perhaps you can persuade the UK government to write technical standards for wood pellets that are different from the well-established industry standards.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 18:48:58 GMT

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> This, As far as I know, is Taiga territory, Trees take a long time to grow

> there.

You keep jumping around. At one point you're on about siding, another wood pellets, another about Sitka spruce, another about some tiny tree, now you're claiming that some place is "Taiga territory". So where is this supposed to be? There is no taiga to speak of in the United Kingdom nor is there in Ireland.

In any case most of the wood used by the power plant in Yorkshire seems to come from Louisiana. While one can say many things of Louisiana, anyone who has experienced Louisiana and has experience taiga will tell you that there is not the tiniest resemblance between them.

>> So, in theory, burning wood is sustainable. Most likely

>> you create more CO2 for an equivalent amount of heat,

>> but the CO2 has a place to go.

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>> Coal takes millions of years to form. We can bury our
>> vegetable waste, but the millions of years part is still
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In practice too, at least I buy wood pellets from a supplier with sustainable forestry. They're also tested and rated with specified moisture content and ash production. I went with them because they're a lot cheaper than oil per kWh, the burner is more expensive which made for about a two year payback.

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> On 2018-12-09, Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:
>> On 12/9/2018 12:30 AM, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
>>> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 19:03:42 -0500
>>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>>> Not a chance of that hitting the IPCC recommendations. Now a global
>>>> thermonuclear war . . .
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>>> Would heat the planet worse than any amount of CO2.
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>> But the heating would be very localized.
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> You could say that!.

It would be roughly the same amount of energy as the Earth absorbs from sunlight in 3 minutes.

The direct heating, in other words, would be negligible. But by drastically reducing the human population, industrial production and thus carbon emissions should be drastically reduced, and if the "nuclear winter" scenario is correct it will also drastically reduce the amount of solar energy absorbed, a double win.

> About 70 miles south west of here is one of the worlds most important
> airports[1], the US flies troops through there the whole time. The Wind
> here blows fairly constantly from the South West. I keep an interest in
> the daily news.

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On 9 Dec 2018 14:08:56 GMT, Huge wrote:

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>> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
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>>> the same as their lifetime, so net saving is ~nil.
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>> 25-30 years (I've seen 25 year guarantees specifying degradation). Looks
>> good to me - definitely long term which puts many people off.
>
> I'd take both those figures with a shovel of salt, which still makes it
> marginal in my book.

30 / 6 = 5. I don't say that's marginal.

>> unless it's already good. I did that when we

>> built the place - guess what's next on my list.

>

> More insulation? :o)

Always a good idea.

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Andreas

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 21:37:51 GMT

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On 9 Dec 2018 09:13:06 GMT, maus wrote:

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Turkey and NATO??...

There was a thing about the UK and France going together to buy a
'previously loved' US aircraft carrier. In case of a war between the two
, would France use the aircraft carrier to bomb the UK one day and The UK
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> safe to claim otherwise.)

I don't think it would help the case if there turned out to be a
squabbling pantheon instead of the one true god you spent your life
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Since it's over 30 at age 10, your people are doing something wrong.

I suspect you've conflating the size at thinning with the size at maturity.

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It sounds to me like you're complaining about random things just to be complaining.

In the US kiln-dried lumber is the norm.

It seems like the Irish are basically just piss-poor carpenters. Nobody in the US uses Sitka spruce for anything that gets exposed to weather. If you tried it the inspectors would make you tear it off and replace it with something rated for that exposure. We use it a lot for framing, along with Douglas fir and any of several pines. Framing is protected from weather. Wood that gets exposure is generally cedar or another decay-resistant species. Pressure treating is falling out of favor because (a) the chemicals are toxic and (b) the ones the government allows are not nearly as effective as the ones that were used before environmental regulations came into force.

Getting upset about the tree is just plain wrong-headed. What you need to get upset about are the cultural attitudes that support the badly mistaken notion that all parts of a structure should be made from the same species of wood.

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Perhaps - but a few tweaks to the system could make things a lot easier in the meantime.

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Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 22:25:01 GMT
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scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal) writes:

> Where are you getting your data? Panel lifetime (at 80% or higher
> of nameplate wattage) is guaranteed for 25 years. Average payback
> around here is 6 to 7 years. Slam dunk.

In this era of rapid tech changes and financial wild-west corporate
antics, what company's promise of guarantee can be relied upon for 6
or 7 years into the future, let alone 25?

You've got it, it didn't break you to install it, it works, you
understand it well enough to maintain it? All good. Corporate
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Mike Spencer Nova Scotia, Canada

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> there was another place I could put it, but was basically kicked
> out of the building with no suggestion as to where to go.
> (My idea of where to go is some other establishment that doesn't
> treat a bicyclist with open hostility.)

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> I really hope you're right about that. There are a lot of people who
> are very upset about the decline in the rate of population growth,
> and who are powerful enough to try to do something about it.

There are a lot of people who will cry "rape" when they try to do it,
too.

The Russians don't seem to be having much luck with that.

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Like what?

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2018 22:36:08 GMT
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Re Yorkshire: I worked all over the UK once, and found Yorkshire a fairly friendly place, once they got to know you. Passed through a few years ago, the towns centres were taken over by Pakistanis or Hindus, different sort of people.

If you are going to reduce reproduction, that is what you are up against, other people coming in to take over the jobs that are there, but no youngsters to take them.

I have heard of the same happening in the US, where Latin Americans are needed to do the basic work.

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Maus@ireland.com
Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 01:12:23 GMT
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Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 19:03:42 -0500
> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> Not a chance of that hitting the IPCC recommendations. Now a global
>> thermonuclear war . . .
>
> Would heat the planet worse than any amount of CO2.
>

Nuclear Winter

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Pete

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 01:12:24 GMT
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maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
> On 2018-12-08, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:
>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:
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>>> On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 18:03:03 -0500, Dan Espen wrote:
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>>>> Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:
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>>>> > On Thu, 06 Dec 2018 17:41:57 -0500, Dan Espen wrote:
>>>> >>
>>>> >> Notice the German coastline looks like it has as much or more red area
>>>> >> than the USA. I found a PDF that shows Germany has a huge offshore wind
>>>> >> field.
>>>> >>
>>>> >> Yes, Right.
>>>> >>
>>>> >> continental shelf in 1958 recognized the right of each nation to the
>>>> >> mineral resources on its adjacent continental shelf, out to a water
>>>> >> depth of 200 m. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation
>>>> >> extending the US Exclusive Economic Zone to 200 nautical miles (370
>>>> >> km) from the shore.[4]
>>>> >>
>>>> >> The North Sea is covered with oil platforms. Way beyond 12 miles.
>>>> >>
>>>> >>
>>>> >> By international agreement, between the neighbouring countries (Not
>>>> >> many people know that stone age implements are frequently recovered
>>>> >> from the shallow middle of the North sea, are they from stone age
>>>> >> britian or stone age Norway.. ?)
>>>> >>
>>>> >> There was a dispute between the UK and the Republic about a rock in the
>>>> >> atlantic called 'Rockall', Nobody lives on it, nobody could live on it.
>>>> >>
>>>> >> We have seen in the last week how the US regards international law.
>>>> >> Rather like the way a dog regards a lightpost.
>>>> >>
>>>> >>

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Pete

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 01:41:31 GMT
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Average ridership 52,000, population in area 1.6 million. Seems that
on any given day about 3 percent of the population rides the thing.
While that's nice for _them_ I don't see this as solving any problems.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 02:00:06 GMT
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Sixteen aircraft were built in four versions. It went into service on
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passenger flights and 102 scheduled flights in total. The aircraft
continued to be used for research purposes until some time in the
mid-1980s. In the early 1990s one was refurbished to be used by NASA
as a testbed for future supersonic transport technologies--that
aircraft made 27 flights in the late '90s however I'm not clear if
NASA was involved at that point.

You may be conflating the Soviet SST, the TU-144, with the Soviet

Space Shuttle, Buran, which did make only one flight.

As for Boeing "working on" an SST, Boeing has shown some pictures of a hypothetical hypersonic design. I have seen no indication that they are actually working on it beyond making pretty pictures.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 03:07:01 GMT

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Dynamics_F-111_Aardvark

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<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#51> All programmers that developed in machine code and Assembly in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s died?

other Boyd references:

John Boyd - USAF, The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of Air Warfare
<http://www.aviation-history.com/airmen/boyd.htm>
John Boyd's Art of War; Why our greatest military theorist only made colonel.
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<http://radio-weblogs.com/0107127/stories/2002/12/23/genghisJohnChuckSpinneysBioOfJohnBoyd.html>

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virtualization experience starting Jan1968, online at home since Mar1970

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 03:42:17 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sun, 09 Dec 2018 19:07:01 -0800, Anne & Lynn Wheeler
<lynn@garlic.com> wrote:

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One hopes that there is a Hell and he has a special place in it.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
 Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 04:02:18 GMT
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On Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 8:42:18 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:

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John Savard

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 04:13:08 GMT
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I think you may be conflating him with someone else.

Boyd's view is that an idea combat aircraft is a lightweight daylight dogfighter. He has math to show that such an aircraft will win most of the time in air to air combat.

The things he misses are that the Navy and the Air Force have lots of other things to do besides air to air combat against other fighters, the ability to outmaneuver another aircraft does you no good if you can't catch it to begin with, and if your air defense is daylight-good-weather only then the obvious counter is to attack at night or in bad weather.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 05:58:03 GMT

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re:

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#79> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Boyd responsible for redoing F15, and then for YF16 & YF17 (when he ran lightweight fighter design at Pentagon) ... which becomes F16 & F18, and much more

Earlier he had come up with E/M theory ... which was used first for training fighter pilots (when he was instructor at USAF weapons school, he was considered possibly best fighter pilot in the world) and then used for designing fighter planes ... not just F16

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy%E2%80%93maneuverability_theory

Boyd, a U.S. jet fighter pilot in the Korean War, began developing the theory in the early 1960s. He teamed with mathematician Thomas Christie at Eglin Air Force Base to use the base's high-speed computer to compare the performance envelopes of U.S. and Soviet aircraft from the Korean and Vietnam Wars. They completed a two-volume report on their studies in 1964. Energy Maneuverability came to be accepted within the U.S. Air Force and brought about improvements in the requirements for the F-15 Eagle and later the F-16 Fighting Falcon fighters.[2]

.... snip ...

F15

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McDonnell_Douglas_F-15_Eagle

F16

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Dynamics_F-16_Fighting_Falcon

The General Dynamics F-16 Fighting Falcon is a single-engine supersonic multirole fighter aircraft originally developed by General Dynamics (now Lockheed Martin) for the United States Air Force (USAF). Designed as an air superiority day fighter, it evolved into a successful all-weather multirole aircraft. Over 4,500 aircraft have been built since production was approved in 1976.[4]

.... was also 1st unstable & fly-by-wire fighter
http://www.f-16.net/articles_article13.html
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Relaxed_stability

A10

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairchild_Republic_A-10_Thunderbolt_II
<https://www.pogo.org/analysis/2017/12/podcast-pierre-sprey-and-birth-of-10/>

AN/APG-68 for F-16

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AN/APG-68>
AN/APG-83 AESA upgrade
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AN/APG-83>

1990, Commandant of the Marine Corp, leverages Boyd for make-over of the corp ... and there is a Boyd tribute/display in lobby of Marine Corp Univ. library and Gray Research Center (with lots of Marines) ... and we have still have had Boyd Military Strategy meetings at Marine Corp University. Recent work
<https://www.usmcu.edu/Portals/218/ANewConceptionOfWar.pdf?ver=2018-11-08-094859-167>

picture taken this week last year, only USAF in marine shrine, quantico, lobby gray research center
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/boyd3.jpg>

Another of Boyd associates, graduate of 1st USAF Academy class and on fast track to General when he says that Boyd destroyed his career by challenging him to do what was right.
<https://www.amazon.com/Pentagon-Wars-Reformers-Challenge-Guard-ebook/dp/B00HXY969W/>
HBO dramatized it
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Pentagon_Wars

40 Years of the 'Fighter Mafia', An informal group begun by Col. John Boyd and mathematician Tom Christie calls for military reform--by doing more with less.
<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/40-years-of-the-fighter-mafia/>

To understand the group is to go back to its origins. Founding member John Boyd, military strategist and "guru," is best known for developing the OODA (observe, orient, decide, act) Loop concept, which when applied correctly gives a pilot advantage over an adversary in combat operations. Boyd passed away from cancer in 1997, but he was ever present in spirit at Wednesday night's event.

.... snip ...
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OODA_loop

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the Gray research center in quantico

<http://radio-weblogs.com/0107127/stories/2002/12/23/genghisJohnChuckSpinneysBioOfJohnBoyd.html>

The YF-16, which won, is still the most maneuverable fighter ever designed. The production successors, the not-so-lightweight F-16 (Air Force) and the F/A-18 (the Navy-Marine Corps aircraft that evolved from the YF-17), together with the F-15, dominate the skies today. Naturally, Boyd believed they could have been much better war machines if the bureaucrats had not corrupted their thoroughbred design with so many bells and whistles. Nevertheless, more than any other single person, the Mad Major is responsible for our nation's unsurpassed air superiority, which began in the mid-1970s and continues to this day.

.... snip ...

USAF does dedicate Boyd Hall at USAF Weapons School, renovation 2013
<https://www.nellis.af.mil/News/Article/284229/boyd-hall-display-receives-renovation/>

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virtualization experience starting Jan1968, online at home since Mar1970

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 06:27:33 GMT

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On 2018-12-09, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)

\ / I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.

X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.

/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 07:35:15 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 07/12/2018 00:56, J. Clarke wrote:

> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 07:29:15 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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>> On 05/12/2018 21:31, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

>>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:50:08 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>> The panels can be perfectly efficient, but without storage they're

>>>> worthless.

>>>

>>> No. Even without battery they produce electricity the owner would not

>>> otherwise draw from the grid. Of course a battery would help to further

>>> reduce the dependency from the grid.

>>

>> Indeed.

>> I have a 4kW solar array but no battery and find they work fine.

>> I can use the power from my panels while the sun shines and reduce my

>> demand from the grid.

>> I regularly use my drier and washing machine during the day at no cost

>> from the grid. My fridge and freezer run continuously so any use in the

>> day is effectively free. I have a hot tub and it draws power from the

>> panels during the day as well.

>> ...and then what I do not use gets fed to the grid and I get paid for

>> that. I get paid for supplying the grid at a lesser rate than I pay when

>> drawing from the grid so feeding the grid is my last resort.

>>

>> So hardly useless.

>
> So how much did your solar array cost?

£4000

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 07:54:07 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 08/12/2018 00:39, J. Clarke wrote:

> On Fri, 07 Dec 2018 16:20:08 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>> With the right amount of solar panels you usually break even between five
>> and ten years (you saved that money you didn't pay your electricity
>> provider what the panels and installation cost you). On sunny days you
>> cover all your need and only draw from the grid at night. Some states or
>> provinces also pay you when you feed your surplus energy back into the
>> grid.
>
> I'm not home during the day, I only need power at night or when it's
> cold.

But you don't take away all your electric devices when you leave the house.
When I am away during the day my panels power my washer, my drier, my
heating, my hot tub, all my background electrics.

It depends on your system but I have a friend with a thermal store
system in his house that his panels top up so that he has about 2 tons
of hot water for heating, washing etc all heated for free.

My solar control system is web connected allowing my to geekily set up a
set of ITTT rules to power up various devices according to the power
generated and then time of day.

I can do my washing in the morning, drying after the washing machine has
stopped and then power up the oven or slow cooker ready for me to have
dinner when I get home. My tub, background heating and always on gadgets
use the rest.

Anyway this is not about you. You are the one claiming that solar
without storage is useless and several people have pointed out that they
manage fine without storage. You cannot now shift the goalposts to your
personal situation to claim victory.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:02:56 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 08/12/2018 18:59, Dan Espen wrote:

> Too bad we can't use leaves. Lots of them here in NJ.

Best rake them up to prevent forest fires. They apparently rake the forests in Finland to stop this, a fact that comes as a real surprise to the Finns.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:07:59 GMT
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:16:03 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 09/12/2018 10:26, Huge wrote:

> On 2018-12-09, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

>> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 19:09:38 -0500

>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 16:45:15 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
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>>>> already. You only have to put solar panels on your roof.
>>>
>>> Which benefits me in no manner.
>>
>> It saves you money in the long term, that's a direct benefit.
>
> Debatable. It looks like the payback time for the panels is approximately
> the same as their lifetime, so net saving is ~nil.

It depends upon how geeky you want to be. My payback time is looking at about 8 or 9 years but then I am actively using the power I generate rather than selling to the grid. It is cheaper for me to use my own power during the day rather than sell it to the grid during the day and then buy it back at 3 times the cost in the evening.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:23:24 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 09/12/2018 11:03, J. Clarke wrote:
> On 9 Dec 2018 09:27:22 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>> On 2018-12-09, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>>> On Sat, 8 Dec 2018 17:09:18 +0000, Andrew Swallow
>>> <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:
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>>>> On 07/12/2018 23:16, Dan Espen wrote:
>>>> > Any idea what it is about manufacturing an electric that would produce
>>>> > more CO2?
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>>>> Electric cars are charged from the grid. The grid gets much of its power
>>>> from coal burning power stations.
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>>> In the US less than 19 percent.
>>
>> In the UK at the moment, no coal, but pelleted American timber.
>> Thats an improvement?
>
> From a CO2 viewpoint, yes, it is. If we burn wood faster than we can
> produce it that will not be a good thing but if it is being used in a

- > sustainable manner then it is carbon-neutral.
- >
- > Note that the major energy sources for electric power in the UK are
- > natural gas, nuclear, and wind in that order. Total coal and biofuel
- > is less than wind.

Wood pellets as a biofuel is increasing in use. Once we have the power station then demand rises and it becomes economically viable to plant trees as a crop. I have a couple of farms near me that have planted willow on uneconomic boggy ground. They harvest the willow wands on a 3 year cycle for pelleting. It also has had the advantage of reducing flooding and run off.

The whole tree is not cut, it just gets trimmed about a foot of the ground and regrows more willow wands.

Some goes to basket weaving of all things. It seems to be a growing craft.

Andy

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:24:53 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:28:33 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

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I met with some young USA'ians recently. Some were bilingual in Spanish with some English.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:33:12 GMT

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On 2018-12-10, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 09/12/2018 16:38, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

- > Solar hot water - to be built into the wall of an outbuilding
- > beside the house. I'm not buying commercial panels though, building the
- > panels into the wall makes it a DIY job - more fun that way too.

Vacuum tube solar water heating is remarkably effective. Not as much fun and DIY solar but the top gets so hot it can give you a burn through to the muscle.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:41:45 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 09/12/2018 17:34, Scott Lurndal wrote:

- > Plow it under (or with modern no-till ag, just knock it down and
- > plant over it).

Not good for farming as it can act as a pest or disease reservoir for future years. Doing this means that you need more spraying for virus and pests. The more survive the winter the greater chance of resistance to spraying.

Removing and burning destroys the dormant threat.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:45:45 GMT
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On Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 9:13:09 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:

- > Boyd's view is that an idea combat aircraft is a lightweight daylight
- > dogfighter. He has math to show that such an aircraft will win most
- > of the time in air to air combat.

Well, that's better than losing every time.

The Air Force and the Navy do have a variety of missions. If you make an airplane that's well-armed and has a long range, and so on, it will not be able to engage in a dogfight well... and one stripped for responsiveness will be inadequate for other missions.

The trouble with the right tool for the right job, of course, is that one doesn't always know in advance what tool one will need.

I doubt the right answer is a simple one.

John Savard

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:45:50 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 09/12/2018 17:59, Huge wrote:

> On 2018-12-09, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

>> YMMV based on insolation characteristics and local cost of electricity;

>> in California,

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> Bingo. In cloudy UK, not so much. Sometimes at this time of year, especially
> if an Atlantic High comes and sits over the country we may not see any sun at
> all for several weeks at a time.

I live in Scotland with a 4kW system and I am online for a payback within 10 years. Even on a cloudy day I generate. On a clear sunny day in summer I generate about 3.5kW. We had a sunny morning yesterday and even with the low sun I managed about 2kW.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:55:45 GMT
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On Monday, December 10, 2018 at 1:08:03 AM UTC-7, AndyW wrote:

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While such a heater would be insanely expensive where electricity comes from coal, and heating comes generally from natural gas, where electricity comes from hydroelectric dams, houses are built with electric heating.

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 09:10:10 GMT
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maus wrote:

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- > hireable bicycles.

China isn't so sure they are a good idea (or at least not a good implementation)

<<https://www.google.com/search?q=chinese+bicycle+mountains>>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 10:13:30 GMT
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As opposed to the "Spruce Goose?"

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 10:22:02 GMT

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On 10 Dec 2018 08:31:20 GMT

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like using a supercomputer to decorate real time video was far too expensive and cumbersome to be a kids game not too long ago.

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I look forward to it (mostly) and hope that everyone has got the message that we really don't want sentient robots, just useful ones.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith	Directable Mirror Arrays
C:>WIN	A better way to focus the sun
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Posted by [cb](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 10:35:50 GMT
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The Tupolev Tu-144 (the Soviet SST in question) flew significantly more than that.

Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tupolev_Tu-144) summarizes:

"The prototype first flew on 31 December 1968 near Moscow,[1] two months before the first flight of the Concorde"

"In May 1978, another Tu-144 (an improved version, named Tu-144D) crashed on a test flight while being delivered, and the passenger fleet was permanently grounded after only 55 scheduled flights. The aircraft remained in use as a cargo aircraft until 1983, by which point a total of 102 commercial flights had been completed. The Tu-144 was later used

by the Soviet space program to train pilots of the Buran spacecraft, and by NASA for supersonic research."

So, not a stellar success - but 102 commercial flights (55 passenger, 47 cargo) plus use for training space shuttle pilots and NASA supersonic research, comes to a couple of orders of magnitude more than "once on a test flight".

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// Christian

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> Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tupolev_Tu-144) summarizes:
>
> "The prototype first flew on 31 December 1968 near Moscow,[1] two months
> before the first flight of the Concorde"
>
> "In May 1978, another Tu-144 (an improved version, named Tu-144D)
> crashed on a test flight while being delivered, and the passenger fleet
> was permanently grounded after only 55 scheduled flights. The aircraft
> remained in use as a cargo aircraft until 1983, by which point a total
> of 102 commercial flights had been completed. The Tu-144 was later used
> by the Soviet space program to train pilots of the Buran spacecraft, and
> by NASA for supersonic research."
>
> So, not a stellar success - but 102 commercial flights (55 passenger, 47
> cargo) plus use for training space shuttle pilots and NASA supersonic
> research, comes to a couple of orders of magnitude more than "once on a
> test flight".
>
>>
>> --
>> Pete
>
> // Christian

If I remember rightly, landing and takeoff from Kennedy (Idelwild?)
caused an awesome amount of noise.

The English did not mind,. it was not done to criticise "This Great
British innovation"

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Maus@ireland.com
Opinions offered om any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 12:03:25 GMT

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On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:37:07 +0000

AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 09/12/2018 16:38, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

>> Solar hot water - to be built into the wall of an outbuilding

>> beside the house. I'm not buying commercial panels though, building the

>> panels into the wall makes it a DIY job - more fun that way too.

>

> Vacuum tube solar water heating is remarkably effective. Not as much fun

> and DIY solar but the top gets so hot it can give you a burn through to

> the muscle.

I know - but you can get flat plate up to 70-80C too it just loses more heat so you need more area to compensate. It's a trade off between efficiency and cost/fun. I'm planning four 8'x4' panels in the wall (12 m²), I could probably use less than half that with vacuum tubes to similar effect but the design is very cheap and if it's not good enough I can always change it around later.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 12:04:59 GMT

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On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:45:50 +0000

AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> I live in Scotland with a 4kW system and I am online for a payback

> within 10 years. Even on a cloudy day I generate. On a clear sunny day

> in summer I generate about 3.5kW. We had a sunny morning yesterday and

> even with the low sun I managed about 2kW.

Have you dropped your h's ? Ten years is about what I calculated for North Kerry so it's good to hear confirmation.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 12:19:27 GMT
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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 12:35:54 GMT
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On 10 Dec 2018 10:46:02 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>> On 09/12/2018 17:59, Huge wrote:

>>> On 2018-12-09, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

>>

>>>> YMMV based on insolation characteristics and local cost of

>>>> electricity; in California,

>>>

>>> Bingo. In cloudy UK, not so much. Sometimes at this time of year,

>>> especially if an Atlantic High comes and sits over the country we may

>>> not see any sun at all for several weeks at a time.

>>

>> I live in Scotland with a 4kW system and I am online for a payback

>> within 10 years.

>

> So, already the previously quoted figures are shown to be wrong.

The "typically 6-7 years payback" figure ? That's for better climates than Scotland - south of London should achieve it easily if Scotland can manage 10 years.

> moneysavingexpert.com says that all other things being equal, a medium sized house in the UK midlands will take ~22 years to recover the cost of the panels. (By which time they'll be knackered.) And that figure includes

I notice they paid 6500 for the panels instead of the 4000 Andy paid - the rest doesn't quite square with Andy's figures but their's are theoretical (presumably on the average to pessimistic) and his are measured.

The reality is of course that what you get out depends on many factors, the estimates will tend to err on the pessimistic side (I'd certainly want them too). For best results you need a good location with a south facing mount with clear view of the sun all day long, trees or hills in the wrong place can spoil your winter returns easily. If everything falls right and you pay less than they got ripped off for, then you can do much better than the 22 years. Many people are - many have probably been ripped off badly too.

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For some it clearly is. The UK is a big place and there's a lot of variation in ROI for installing solar depending on location.

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Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 14:25:18 GMT
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Mike Spencer <mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere> writes:

>
> scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal) writes:
>
>> Where are you getting your data? Panel lifetime (at 80% or higher
>> of nameplate wattage) is guaranteed for 25 years. Average payback
>> around here is 6 to 7 years. Slam dunk.
>
> In this era of rapid tech changes and financial wild-west corporate
> antics, what company's promise of guarantee can be relied upon for 6
> or 7 years into the future, let alone 25?

Lucky-Goldstar?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 14:27:01 GMT
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Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> writes:

> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>> However there was NO American SST. Not "experimental", not in
>> service, not at all, never, ever. There were paper studies and that's
>> as far as it got. But the Soviet SST most assuredly _was_ put in
>> ordinary service.

>
> IIRC it flew once on a test flight and never again. I think Boeing is now
> working on an SST.

Don't conflate the NAP (never flew) with the gorgeous Valkyrie.

There are several manufacturers in the US who are in the process
of developing supersonic transports (aiming currently at the
bizjet market).

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 14:33:04 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:

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>> [37 lines snipped]

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Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 15:52:54 GMT

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> that in 6 hours.

This was on a two-story house. They do charge extra if your roof slope is greater than 25 degrees (which mine wasn't), since they need to rig the installer(s) in that case. Most houses around here are two-story, and close to half of them now have solar.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 15:58:09 GMT
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On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 09:15:13 -0600
Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:

> On 12/10/2018 4:22 AM, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
>> On 10 Dec 2018 08:31:20 GMT
>> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> A lot of hot air being emmitted about all that. Most of what are
>>> called "Muscle" jobs are not suitable for automation, plumbers,
>> |
>> Yet-----+
>>
>>> carpenters, rubbish collection, fruit picking, vegetable harvesting..
>>
>> Much of this is in range of the top end of robotic capability
>> these days - just far too expensive and in some cases too cumbersome to
>> use. A bit like using a supercomputer to decorate real time video was
>> far too expensive and cumbersome to be a kids game not too long ago.
>>
>> I have no doubt that widespread automation of pretty much every
>> job that nobody really wants to do will come and I'll probably see much
>> of it.
>
> What makes you think it will stop there?

Stop ? No! Start there quite likely but stop no.

- > It's those who are paying the
- > price who decide what gets automated, not those who do the work. The

Yep - so the ones it's hard to get people to do, or to do well are likely early targets. Few people do a good job of work they dislike.

- >> I look forward to it (mostly) and hope that everyone has got the
- >> message that we really don't want sentient robots, just useful ones.
- >>
- > "Useful" is in the eyes of the beholder, and the beholder who gets a
- > vote isn't going to be the worker. The "brain" jobs will be easier in
- > a lot of ways, because you don't need all that complex
- > electromechanical gear that's prone to wear and breakage. The high
- > wage jobs are good targets.

Yes, I expect my job will be in the firing line at some point in the not vastly distant future. Still I would not be unhappy if nobody at all needs to work provided we all get to benefit - and we will because there's no point in being a rich B'stard with no staff costs if the plebs can't buy your products.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 18:16:28 GMT
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On 2018-12-10, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

- > On 10 Dec 2018 11:36:46 GMT
- > maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 18:24:03 GMT

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I'm sure Ireland will have its own rules, but in the UK

<<https://www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules>>

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Ask around, there was a lot sown in East Limerick.

(Yes, our wise and educated government does that a lot.

A family member was talking to a Venezuelan refugee about what was wrong in that country. He said that a large part of the problem was totally stupid people in decision making jobs, for political reasons.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 18:31:34 GMT

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 18:35:42 GMT

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> up, even *that* is going to take longer than 6 hours.

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>

In Ireland, repair work on rooftops is very, very, expensive to insure,
and rightly impossible without scaffolding. The decisive point was about
14 feet.

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> more than the crop was worth to have it delivered there.

Sure the nearest pelleting plant is in Enniskillen and they own their forestry. There's a market enough for the pellets, but a plant is needed in sane distance that will buy the wood.

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Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 18:53:21 GMT

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Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> writes:

> 40 Years of the 'Fighter Mafia', An informal group begun by Col. John

> Boyd and mathematician Tom Christie calls for military reform--by doing

> more with less.

> <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/40-years-of-the-fighter-mafia/>

re:

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#79> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#80> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

from "40 years of the fighter mafia"

"I don't know anywhere else to go to find a group more dedicated to making things better," says Charles "Chuck" Myers, who flew B-25 missions against Japanese shipping in World War II and later became a fabled test pilot--setting a new World Speed Record of 1544 mph with the F-106 in 1959--and eventually the Pentagon's director for air warfare. In that role, he was able--with the help of "the group"--to push successfully for the lightweight fighter program that incorporated the F-15, F-16, and later F-18 planes into the fleet during the 1960s and 1970s.

....

"John Boyd came in as a maverick," Sprey recalled. Initially, Boyd was brought to the Pentagon in the 1960s by a general who disliked Sprey's ideas on close air support and was pulling together a group of eggheads to "disgrace" him. When the general left Boyd alone in the room with Sprey they "became fast friends, co-conspirators." The rest is history.

....

By the time the group held its first Washington meeting in 1973, Sprey, Boyd, Christie, and test pilot Col. Everest Riccioni had designed the concept that was directly implemented as the F-15 and F-16 fighter programs--which have served as the core of American air power for the past 40 years.

.... snip ...

has picture of Pierre Sprey, Tom Christie, and Chuck Myers at 2013 "Boyd" weds night get together (still going strong, Boyd passed in 1997); ... Sprey CAS "A10" thunderbolt/warthog and Christie worked with Boyd on E/M theory.

picture of me at the weds night get together a year ago.
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/boyd4.jpg>

oh and the F18

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McDonnell_Douglas_F/A-18_Hornet
and later Growler

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boeing_EA-18G_Growler

Boyd is also credited with the "left hook" land war battle plan for Desert Storm ... Desert Storm was 42day, only last 100hrs was land war. GAO Air Effectiveness study has A10 taking out Iraqi tanks so easily that the Iraqi crews were walking away from the tanks as sitting

ducks ... A10 sort of had turkey shoot ... firing total of million 30mm shells during Desert Storm. Land war description of fierce tank battles with coalition forces taking no damage, don't mention if the Iraqi tanks had anyboyd home. Burton's "Pentagon Wars" has him getting the cost of 30mm shells down from >\$80 to \$13 (million shells, \$13m).

There have been lots of explanations why the Abram's M1 didn't get into the "left hook" position to cut-off the Republican Guard retreat another is Boyd possibly took the M1 specs at face value and didn't take into account how tightly tethered M1s are tied to their supply and maintenance

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virtualization experience starting Jan1968, online at home since Mar1970

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Bill Findlay](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 18:55:59 GMT
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On 9 Dec 2018, J. Clarke wrote
(in article<80oo0etftmem6ngbsesi4jo7tq2r1dnha2@4ax.com>):

> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:24:47 +0000, Bill Findlay
> <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:
>
>> On 8 Dec 2018, maus wrote
>> (in article <slrnq0npm6.1lm.mausg@dmaus.org>):
>>
>>> Voltaire criticised the Romanists, but hedged his bets by having a Catholic
>>> funeral.
>>
>> Nope.
>
> He did criticise the Romanists and he did have a Catholic burial, so
> you must be asserting that the motivation for doing so is something
> other than a "hedging of bets". Do you have evidence of the
> motivation?

Do YOU have evidence that HE hedged his bets? Hmm?

It is a tedious trope of believers in the supernatural that non-theists are wont to "see the light" on their death beds.

Many, if not all, of these stories are lies. In the case of David Hume, for example, we have no less an authority than James Boswell for the truth of the matter.

But Lying For The Lord is doing the Lord's Work.
So that's OK.

I am reminded of the passages in Josephus that are claimed to prove the existence of the transcendental fig tree destroyer. Modern theologians accept that these are "interpolations". The language used in any other context would be "fakes".

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Bill Findlay

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What does a windy day have to do with rooftop solar installation?

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Which appear not to be good sites for solar, if that's the case year-around.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 19:10:29 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

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Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 19:15:05 GMT
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Originally posted by: Cory Heisterkamp

On Monday, December 10, 2018 at 2:45:55 AM UTC-6, AndyW wrote:
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 19:29:32 GMT
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On 10 Dec 2018 18:35:42 GMT
maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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The computer obeys and wins.		licences available see
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 20:57:04 GMT
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>>>> >> On 10 Dec 2018 10:46:02 GMT
>>>> >> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
>>>> >
>>>> > [37 lines snipped]
>>>> >
>>>> >>> In the UK, the economic case [for solar PV] simply isn't convincing enough.
>>>> >>
>>>> >> For some it clearly is.
>>>> >
>>>> > And they're welcome to it. I'll wait until there's a lot less hand-havey,
>>>> > thanks.
>>>>
>>>> Pioneers end up face down in the dirt with arrows in their backs.
>>>>
>>>> (Did Andy(?) install his own panels? If so, did he factor in the cost
>>>> of his own labour? I'd wager yes and no, respectively.)
>>>
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>
>> I know places in the mountains where the
>> sun only rises about 11 in the morning, and sets about two.
>
> Which appear not to be good sites for solar, if that's the case
> year-around.

That would be November-February The people who live there do not
pass much remark, but city folk can be surprised, poor dears.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

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All grand until someone falls. I was visiting my sister-in-law when the
person she hired to sweep the moss off the tiles, fell, thump. I left after
making sure that there was nothing obvious broken. Luckily for her, the man
was also drawing unemployment.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 21:06:14 GMT

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On 2018-12-10, Cory Heisterkamp <coryheisterkamp@gmail.com> wrote:

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I remember when WiFi was getting popular, a guy from around where ora.com is, wrote a book on installing your own, (one variation was using Pringle tubes). After writing the book, he slipped off a roof and was a long time recovering. Forget the name.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 21:11:09 GMT
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On 2018-12-10, Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> wrote:

> Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> writes:
>> 40 Years of the 'Fighter Mafia', An informal group begun by Col. John
>> Boyd and mathematician Tom Christie calls for military reform--by doing
>> more with less.
>> <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/40-years-of-the-fighter-mafia/>
>
> re:
> <<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#79>> Is LINUX the inheritor of the
Earth?
> <<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#80>> Is LINUX the inheritor of the
Earth?
>
> Boyd is also credited with the "left hook" land war battle plan for
> Desert Storm ... Desert Storm was 42day, only last 100hrs was land
> war. GAO Air Effectiveness study has A10 taking out Iraqi tanks so
> easily that the Iraqi crews were walking away from the tanks as sitting
> ducks ... A10 sort of had turkey shoot ... firing total of million 30mm
> shells during Desert Storm. Land war description of fierce tank battles
> with coalition forces taking no damage, don't mention if the Iraqi tanks
> had anyboyd home. Burton's "Pentagon Wars" has him getting the cost of
> 30mm shells down from >\$80 to \$13 (million shells, \$13m).

The problem with many of those shells was that being filled with 'depleted uranium', the residue will be still killing people in many years time.m

>
> There have been lots of explanations why the Abram's M1 didn't get into
> the "left hook" position to cut-off the Republican Guard retreat
> ... another is Boyd possibly took the M1 specs at face value and didn't
> take into account how tightly tethered M1s are tied to their supply and
> maintenance
>

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In real life, the rooftop installations ARE well secured (and around here, inspected by the building inspector to ensure that seismic, wind, electrical, and the concerns of firefighters[*] are addressed)

[*] Sufficent room on the roof for firemen to walk around the array and ground-level disconnects; clearly marked so the firefighters can ensure that the system doesn't electrocute them when they're on the roof fighting the fire.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 21:16:12 GMT

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On 2018-12-10, Bill Findlay <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

- > On 9 Dec 2018, J. Clarke wrote
- > (in article<80oo0etftmem6ngbsesi4jo7tq2r1dnha2@4ax.com>):
- >
- >> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:24:47 +0000, Bill Findlay

>> <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:
>>
>>> On 8 Dec 2018, maus wrote
>>> (in article <slrnq0npm6.1lm.mausg@dmaus.org>):
>>>
>>>> Voltaire criticised the Romanists, but hedged his bets by having a Catholic
>>>> funeral.
>>>
>>> Nope.
>>
>> He did criticise the Romanists and he did have a Catholic burial, so
>> you must be asserting that the motivation for doing so is something
>> other than a "hedging of bets". Do you have evidence of the
>> motivation?
>
> Do YOU have evidence that HE hedged his bets? Hmm?
>
> It is a tedious trope of believers in the supernatural that non-theists
> are wont to "see the light" on their death beds.
>
> Many, if not all, of these stories are lies. In the case of David Hume,
> for example, we have no less an authority than James Boswell for
> the truth of the matter.
>
> But Lying For The Lord is doing the Lord's Work.
> So that's OK.
>
> I am reminded of the passages in Josephus that are claimed to
> prove the existence of the transcendental fig tree destroyer.
> Modern theologians accept that these are "interpolations".
> The language used in any other context would be "fakes".

Josephus's writings are widely suspected of having been altered over the centuries.

See, "Life of Appolonius of Tyana" (name, as far as I remember) for anti-Christian Propoganda.

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Opinions offered om any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 21:18:15 GMT
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On 2018-12-10, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
> On 9 Dec 2018 09:32:58 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>> On 2018-12-09, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
>>> On 7 Dec 2018 21:04:28 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>>> On 2018-12-07, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>> > On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 16:45:22 -0700, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com>
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Agreed. Back to Heisenberg?..

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Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 21:22:46 GMT
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The amount generated by the panels varies throughout the day
in a sort of bell curve. The 3.5KW is the peak instantaneous
generation at the top of the bell curve.

Typically, in the summertime, I peak at about the same (3.8Kw) and
generate somewhere north of 35Kwh each sunny day (every summer day is
sunny and clear around these parts). In the winter, the peak
(due to sun angle, mainly) is closer to 2.2Kw and daily generation is
in the 4 to 10 Kwh range depending on the weather (it's rainy season).

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:03:46 GMT
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Scott Lurndal wrote:

> Andy Burns writes:
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Well at this time of year (in Scotland) he would only be getting 7% of
the insolation compared to July

<<http://contemporaryenergy.co.uk/insolation-map>>

so I'd believe 2kWh, but that would make his summer figure really
pathetic. Just stating 2KW makes no sense without saying for how long.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:07:07 GMT

On 10 Dec 2018 21:02:00 GMT
maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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Sure but each one of those was employed by a company that provided
their roof going gear and expected them to do it that way. How they squared
it with their insurance is anybody's guess.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:15:51 GMT
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On 9 Dec 2018 21:48:40 GMT, maus wrote:
>
> On 2018-12-09, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>
>>> There was a dispute between the UK and the Republic about a rock in the
>>> atlantic called 'Rockall', Nobody lives on it, nobody could live on it.
>>

>> There is also a rock between Greenland (which belongs to Denmark) and
>> Canada. Which now is not really important. But if the ice melts both
>> Denmark and Canada are interested to get the oil there. And were at least
>> engaged to rise their own flag on that island, while the other party came
>> to swap it with their own flag
>> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans_Island#Google_fight>.
>
> Yes, I have read of that before. I think that it is more that Greenland is
> associated with Denmark, rather than it belongs to it

But Greenland must belong to some country, no?

>> Imagine Canada and Denmark go to war. Both are parts of the NATO...
>
> Turkey and NATO??...

Why do you bring up Turkey?

> There was a thing about the UK and France going together to buy a
> 'previously loved' US aircraft carrier. In case of a war between the two
> , would France use the aircraft carrier to bomb the UK one day and The UK
> use it to bomb France the next?. "Catch 22", how are ye.

But how likely is that the UK and France wage war?

Although when in WWII France was about to be overrun by the Nazis the UK
asked France to surrender her warships. As France declined UK destroyers
shelled and sunk them, although France was an ally.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments
<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:22:16 GMT
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On 10 Dec 2018 08:33:12 GMT, maus wrote:

>
> Another good idea that I don't think has arrived in the US,
> hireable bicycles.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_bicycle-sharing_systems#United_States

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Andreas

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:32:36 GMT
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maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:

> On 2018-12-10, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
>> On 2018-12-09, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>>> On 2018-12-09, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
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>>>> On 2018-12-09, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > On 9 Dec 2018 18:45:18 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > we're going to have to live with what we have for a long time.
>>>>
>>>> Perhaps - but a few tweaks to the system could make things a lot
>>>> easier in the meantime.
>>>
>>> Re Yorkshire: I worked all over the UK once, and found Yorkshire a
>>> fairly friendly place, once they got to know you. Passed through a
>>> few years ago, the towns centres were taken over by Pakistanis or Hindus,
>>> different sort of people.
>>>
>>> If you are going to reduce reproduction, that is what you are up against,
>>> other people coming in to take over the jobs that are there, but no
>>> youngsters to take them.
>>
>> Assuming the jobs haven't been automated out of existence, or that the
>> youngsters that are there don't refuse to dirty their hands doing them.
>
> A lot of hot air being emitted about all that. Most of what are
> called "Muscle" jobs are not suitable for automation, plumbers, carpenters,
> rubbish collection, fruit picking, vegetable harvesting..

Some bad examples there.

When jobs can be done by less people, you get automated out of a job.
For rubbish collection, the usual trash truck crew of 3 is now down to 1
using a loader on the front of the truck, the driver never leaves his
seat. Carpenters and plumbers, nifty tools. Lots of tech in most of
the manual labor jobs including prefab, done in factories where more
machines come into play. I see lots of machines at work in fields on TV

shows. I like that machine that shakes nuts out of trees.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:37:47 GMT
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Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> writes:

> On 12/10/2018 9:58 AM, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
>> On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 09:15:13 -0600
>> Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:
>
>>
>>> It's those who are paying the
>>> price who decide what gets automated, not those who do the work. The
>>
>> Yep - so the ones it's hard to get people to do, or to do well are
>> likely early targets. Few people do a good job of work they dislike.
>
> All jobs can get people to do them. If the pay is crappy, that might
> be immigrants. If the pay is good enough, there will be a line of
> applicants even if the job is hard or nasty. The problem is, the
> owners don't want to raise the pay to the point that it's "good
> enough". Of course, I'm defining "good enough" to be "a number high
> enough so there's a waiting line of applicants", but that number does
> exist.
>
>>> "Useful" is in the eyes of the beholder, and the beholder who gets a
>>> vote isn't going to be the worker. The "brain" jobs will be easier in
>>> a lot of ways, because you don't need all that complex
>>> electromechanical gear that's prone to wear and breakage. The high
>>> wage jobs are good targets.
>>
>> Yes, I expect my job will be in the firing line at some point in
>> the not vastly distant future. Still I would not be unhappy if nobody at
>> all needs to work provided we all get to benefit - and we will because
>> there's no point in being a rich B'stard with no staff costs if the plebs
>> can't buy your products.
>
> Oh, me too, though I don't expect to live that long. It could probably
> happen today (since a mere 1% of the people own half the world's
> wealth). But it will likely require a massive change in social
> structure, and those are often bloody. It's not going to be fun
> getting there.

An effective estate tax can solve the "dynasty problem".
It may take a few generations.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:42:32 GMT
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Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> writes:

G> maus wrote:

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>> Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

>>

>>> maus wrote:

>>>

>>>> I am actually thinking of buying one.

>>>

>>> Is there not an issue of requiring tax and insurance on those ?

>>

>> I will have to ask. I tend to think of things like that for a while

>> before actually spending money. The weight is more of a problem.

>

> I'm sure Ireland will have its own rules, but in the UK

>

> <<https://www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules>>

This is odd:

should not be able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than
15.5mph

How come a UK government web site is showing speeds in mph?

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:43:41 GMT
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Dan Espen wrote:

> How come a UK government web site is showing speeds in mph?

because we don't use kilometres or kph.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:46:35 GMT

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Dan Espen quoted:

> should not be able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than
> 15.5mph

In that case, I'd guess it's derived from an EU limit of 25kph,
converted to 15.5mph for UK purposes.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:49:11 GMT

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AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> writes:

> On 08/12/2018 18:59, Dan Espen wrote:
>
>> Too bad we can't use leaves. Lots of them here in NJ.
>
> Best rake them up to prevent forest fires. They apparently rake the
> forests in Finland to stop this, a fact that comes as a real surprise
> to the Finns.

Today's word is smocking, as in "smocking gun".

It's nice when sentences with overwhelming cognitive dissonance also
contain childish spelling errors repeated twice.

You come away with a feeling I can't describe.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 23:36:07 GMT

maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:

> The problem with many of those shells was that being filled with 'depleted
> uranium', the residue will be still killing people in many years time.m

re:

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#79> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#80> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#81> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

not just A10 Desert Storm, but also this century (overview from 2017):

Depleted Uranium and Radioactive Contamination in Iraq: An Overview

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/depleted-uranium-and-radioactive-contamination-in-iraq-an-overview/5605215>

not just Marines, the army was also in fallujah 2004-2005 but foot patrol

<https://www.amazon.com/Ghosts-Fallujah-Coley-D-Tyler-ebook/dp/B07J2DWWWD/>

and then went back Baqubah 2007-2008, described as much worse than fallujah, but administration claimed surge was better, so didn't get coverage.

<https://www.amazon.com/Battle-Baqubah-1SG-Robert-Colella/dp/1469791064/>

other trivia:

CIA director Colby refuses to approve "Team B" analysis greatly exaggerating Russian military capability, justifying huge US military spending increase.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Team_B

White House Chief of Staff Rumsfeld gets Colby replaced with somebody (Bush1) that will agree with "Team B" analysis. Rumsfeld then resigns to become SECDEF (and is replaced by his assistant Cheney).

In the 80s, US supports Iraq in the Iran/Iraq war

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iran%E2%80%93Iraq_War

Bush1 is VP, two Bechtel SVPs are SECTREAS and SECDEF, and Rumsfeld is involved in supporting Iraq, including supplying WMDs

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_support_for_Iraq_during_the_Iran%E2%80%93Iraq_war

In the early 90s, Bush1 is president, Cheney is SECDEF and previous SECTREAS is SECSTATE. Sat. photo recon analyst told white house that Saddam was marshaling forces to invade Kuwait. White house said that Saddam would do no such thing and proceeded to discredit the analyst. Later the analyst informed the white house that Saddam was marshaling forces to invade Saudi Arabia, now the white house has to choose between Saddam and the Saudis.

<https://www.amazon.com/Long-Strange-Journey-Intelligence-ebook/dp/B004NNV5H2/>
Records appear showing Bush ran Iran/Contra and he pardons everybody but public scapegoat Ollie.

<https://www.amazon.com/Profiteers-Bechtel-Men-Built-World-ebook/dp/B010MHAHV2/>

This century, Bush2 is president, Cheney is VP, Rumsfeld is SECDEF and one of the "Team B" members is deputy SECDEF (and major architect of Iraq policy).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Wolfowitz

Before the invasion, the cousin of white house chief of staff Card was dealing with the Iraqis at the UN and was given evidence that WMDs (tracing back to US in the Iran/Iraq war) had been decommissioned. the cousin shared it with Card, Powell and others then is locked up in military hospital, book was published in 2010 (4yrs before decommissioned WMDs were declassified)

<https://www.amazon.com/EXTREME-PREJUDICE-Terrifying-Story-Patriot-ebook/dp/B004HYHBK2/>

NY Times series from 2014, the decommission WMDs (tracing back to US from Iran/Iraq war), had been found early in the invasion, but the information was classified for a decade (not just radiation poisoning, but decommissioned WMDs poisoning our own people)

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/10/14/world/middleeast/us-casualties-of-iraq-chemical-weapons.html>

and military-industrial-complex wanted a war so badly that corporate reps were telling former eastern block countries that if they voted for IRAQ2 invasion in the UN, they would get membership in NATO and (directed appropriation) USAID (can *ONLY* be used for purchase of modern US arms). From the law of unintended consequences, the invaders were told to bypass ammo dumps looking for WMDs, when they got around to going back, over a million metric tons had evaporated (later large artillery shells from the ammo dumps start showing up in IEDs)

<https://www.amazon.com/Prophets-War-Lockheed-Military-Industrial-ebook/dp/B0047T86BA/>

also this century, enormous stockpiles of 50caliber ammo, some dating back to WW2 were used in the Iraq invasion. I was effectively told that invaders were told to (constantly?) use suppressing fire ... at slightest provocation (... until ammunition was exhausted).

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 23:57:34 GMT

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On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 17:32:36 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

- > When jobs can be done by less people, you get automated out of a job.
- > For rubbish collection, the usual trash truck crew of 3 is now down to 1
- > using a loader on the front of the truck, the driver never leaves his
- > seat. Carpenters and plumbers, nifty tools. Lots of tech in most of
- > the manual labor jobs including prefab, done in factories where more
- > machines come into play. I see lots of machines at work in fields on TV
- > shows. I like that machine that shakes nuts out of trees.

It's been going on for decades, but I'm still gobsmacked when I see tomatoes picked by combines going to the cannery in dump trucks.

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Joy Beeson

joy beeson at comcast dot net

<http://wlweather.net/PAGEJOY/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2018 23:58:47 GMT

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On 10 Dec 2018 08:33:12 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

- > Another good idea that I don't think has arrived in the US,
- > hireable bicycles.

There's a rack of them within walking distance of my house. The rack is always full.

I was heartened when it was announced that the company putting up the racks had done the same thing profitably in several other towns -- but in practice, I see that they are getting their profit out of subsidies from locals who think bikes are cool.

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Joy Beeson

joy beeson at comcast dot net

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 00:04:14 GMT

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Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> writes:

- > AN/APG-68 for F-16
- > <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AN/APG-68>
- > AN/APG-83 AESA upgrade
- > <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AN/APG-83>

re:

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#79> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

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<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#81> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#82> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

a little more computer related, plane design, & radar digital signal processing, I somewhat got sucked into the A10/F35 argument ... and went looking for current state of (F35) stealth.

F35 original design point was bomb truck with (air superiority) F22

flying cover ... and F35 stealth optimized at the front and below

(i.e. its ground radar targets) ... much less so all other

directions. Stealth comparison analysis of F35 with other planes

<http://www.ausairpower.net/jsf.html>

has analysis of F35 radar signature at different radar frequencies

involving different angles and portions of the frame (lots to say about

how cost reduced and compromised stealth compared to original design)

<http://www.ausairpower.net/APA-2009-01.html>

F22 had lots of reliability problems and its stealth coating was claimed

to have lots of moisture/weather vulnerability (couldn't take F22 out in

the rain). old reference "This is F-22: Can't Fly Won't Die"

<http://nypost.com/2009/07/17/cant-fly-wont-die/>

Tyndall (F22 airbase) website (before hurricane) talked about how the

F22 stealth coating maintenance bays were constantly backlogged.

There have been articles that more recent stealth coating used by F35 is

much more resistance to weather and moisture ... however in references

there are concerns about retrofitting to F22 because of air friction

vulnerable from the much higher F22 speed.

Recent scenarios for F35 (w/o F22) is for standoff packs of F35s taking

out targets with barrage of missiles (but if started from scratch, such

a design would likely use drones instead of human pilots)

This is 2011 tutorial on radar (including military) but says it needs

3Tflops for really advanced (real-time), which was beyond 2011

processing, 2011 tutorial on DSP, FFT, Radar (part 3)

https://www.eetimes.com/document.asp?doc_id=1278838

STAP (part 4)

https://www.eetimes.com/document.asp?doc_id=1278878

SAR (part 5)

https://www.eetimes.com/document.asp?doc_id=1278931

Spring 2015, DOD puts export restrictions on latest advanced processor chips (capable of 3Tflops). Late 2015, at supercomputer conference, China demonstrates that it was making its own chips. Dec2017 article claims self driving cars were using computers doing 300 trillion/sec (100 times 2011 requirement). China started publishing articles that they can track stealth with low frequency radar ... but resolution isn't good enough for targeting.

There was also article that the latest computer technology could reduce the number of F22/F35 AESA radar transmit/receive pairs by nearly order of magnitude w/o loss of radar tracking capability.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Active_electronically_scanned_array

Airborne systems

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Active_electronically_scanned_array#Airborne_systems

F35 articles repeatedly talk about its reduced radar signature is so small that it is hard to find/recognize scanning the whole horizon. However, multi-band radar with low frequency for tracking, then can focus targeting radar to that region and do real-time targeting with latest digital signal processing.

advances in technology make stealth obsolete (from 2011)

<https://www.wired.com/2011/06/stealth-tech-obsolete/>

low frequency radar

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low-frequency_radar

longer discussion ... even US implementations

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/revealed-can-china-as-radars-track-americas-stealth-f-22-15261>

and

<https://news.usni.org/2014/04/21/stealth-vs-electronic-attack>

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 02:44:48 GMT

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Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> writes:

> Dan Espen wrote:

>

>> How come a UK government web site is showing speeds in mph?

>
> because we don't use kilometres or kph.

Aha, and I found the reason they do so:

<https://www.quora.com/Why-do-the-British-use-miles-on-road-signs>

Sadly, I don't live in a metric country, but if I did,
I'd avoid the issue entirely by using the perfectly good
word "klick".

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 02:45:22 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 10 Dec 2018 08:31:20 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
>> On 2018-12-09, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> On 2018-12-09, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
>>>
>>>> On 2018-12-09, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > On 9 Dec 2018 18:45:18 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > we're going to have to live with what we have for a long time.
>>>>
>>>> Perhaps - but a few tweaks to the system could make things a lot
>>>> easier in the meantime.
>>>
>>> Re Yorkshire: I worked all over the UK once, and found Yorkshire a
>>> fairly friendly place, once they got to know you. Passed through a
>>> few years ago, the towns centres were taken over by Pakistanis or Hindus,
>>> different sort of people.
>>>
>>> If you are going to reduce reproduction, that is what you are up against,
>>> other people coming in to take over the jobs that are there, but no
>>> youngsters to take them.
>>
>> Assuming the jobs haven't been automated out of existence, or that the

>> youngsters that are there don't refuse to dirty their hands doing them.
>
> A lot of hot air being emitted about all that. Most of what are
> called "Muscle" jobs are not suitable for automation, plumbers, carpenters,
> rubbish collection, fruit picking, vegetable harvesting..

They're working on automating rubbish collection. Around here you're not allowed to put trash out in anything except a government-approved barrel that attaches to a mechanism on the truck. A couple of more generations of that technology and the trucks will be self-driving and self-collecting.

>>
>>> I have heard of the same happening in the US, where Latin Americans are
>>> needed to do the basic work.
>>
>> Waitaminit, I thought Trump put a stop to that. Except in his own hotels,
>> of course.
>>
>
> I met with some young USA'ians recently. Some were bilingual in Spanish
> with some English.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 02:51:10 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 10 Dec 2018 21:06:14 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, Cory Heisterkamp <coryheisterkamp@gmail.com> wrote:
>> On Monday, December 10, 2018 at 2:45:55 AM UTC-6, AndyW wrote:
>>> On 09/12/2018 17:59, Huge wrote:
>>>> On 2018-12-09, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > YMMV based on insolation characteristics and local cost of electricity;
>>>> > in California,
>>>>
>>>> Bingo. In cloudy UK, not so much. Sometimes at this time of year, especially
>>>> if an Atlantic High comes and sits over the country we may not see any sun at
>>>> all for several weeks at a time.
>>>>
>>> I live in Scotland with a 4kW system and I am online for a payback
>>> within 10 years. Even on a cloudy day I generate. On a clear sunny day
>>> in summer I generate about 3.5kW. We had a sunny morning yesterday and
>>> even with the low sun I managed about 2kW.
>>>>

>>>

>>> Andy

>>

>> Here in the midwest USA, private PV solar has really been gaining traction, especially with land being available for small arrays (no roof top installs required). Our 10kW setup averages over 50kWh during sunny weather, but is especially efficient on cold winter days as long as I knock the snow off.

>>

>> I suspect those that claim PV isn't financially viable are looking at contractor quotes (double, triple material costs and a little labor). Those willing to roll-their-own will save substantially and can put in the time optimizing their design and selecting their own components rather than accept a generic contractor package that may not perform as well.

>

> I remember when WiFi was getting popular, a guy from around where ora.com is, wrote a
> book on installing your own, (one variation was using Pringle tubes). After writing
> the book, he slipped off a roof and was a long time recovering. Forget the name.

"Installing your own wifi" was never a problem. You went down to the store, bought a router, plugged it in, ran the setup and you were good to go. The Pringles can was in the nature of a range extender, when you needed more range than the omnidirectional antennas allowed. I set one up for a friend to get signal from his house to his detached workshop--a Pringles can on each end aimed carefully at each other worked a treat.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 02:53:53 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:07:59 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 09/12/2018 00:09, J. Clarke wrote:

>

>> My heater is not powered by electricity. Only a FUCKING IDIOT has a
>> heater powered by electricity in the contemporary world.

>

> Judgemental much?

> There are lots of reasons why electric heating works, maybe not in your
> area or experience but it does work.

> Some countries have electricity tariffs designed for storage heating.

Practical much? Electric heating _works_ just fine, it's just that it costs the Earth to run it.

And if the government is paying for it that doesn't make it better, it

just means that the government is stealing someone else's money to encourage people to do something that makes no sense.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 02:54:49 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 00:55:45 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc
<jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Monday, December 10, 2018 at 1:08:03 AM UTC-7, AndyW wrote:
>> On 09/12/2018 00:09, J. Clarke wrote:
>
>>> My heater is not powered by electricity. Only a FUCKING IDIOT has a
>>> heater powered by electricity in the contemporary world.
>
>> Judgemental much?
>> There are lots of reasons why electric heating works, maybe not in your
>> area or experience but it does work.
>> Some countries have electricity tariffs designed for storage heating.
>
> While such a heater would be insanely expensive where electricity comes from
> coal, and heating comes generally from natural gas, where electricity comes from
> hydroelectric dams, houses are built with electric heating.

Houses are built with electric heating regardless of where the electricity comes from. It's still horribly inefficient.

>
> John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 02:59:42 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 17:15:51 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On 9 Dec 2018 21:48:40 GMT, maus wrote:
>>
>> On 2018-12-09, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
>>

>>>> There was a dispute between the UK and the Republic about a rock in the
>>>> atlantic called 'Rockall', Nobody lives on it, nobody could live on it.
>>>
>>> There is also a rock between Greenland (which belongs to Denmark) and
>>> Canada. Which now is not really important. But if the ice melts both
>>> Denmark and Canada are interested to get the oil there. And were at least
>>> engaged to rise their own flag on that island, while the other party came
>>> to swap it with their own flag
>>> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans_Island#Google_fight>.
>>
>> Yes, I have read of that before. I think that it is more that Greenland is
>> associated with Denmark, rather than it belongs to it
>
> But Greenland must belong to some country, no?
>
>>> Imagine Canada and Denmark go to war. Both are parts of the NATO...
>>
>> Turkey and NATO??...
>
> Why do you bring up Turkey?
>
>> There was a thing about the UK and France going together to buy a
>> 'previously loved' US aircraft carrier. In case of a war between the two
>> , would France use the aircraft carrier to bomb the UK one day and The UK
>> use it to bomb France the next?. "Catch 22", how are ye.
>
> But how likely is that the UK and France wage war?
>
> Although when in WWII France was about to be overrun by the Nazis the UK
> asked France to surrender her warships. As France declined UK destroyers
> shelled and sunk them, although France was an ally.

Which battle are you thinking of? The only record I can find of the
British sinking French ships was Mers-El-Kebir which was mostly a
battleship engagement in North Africa.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 03:07:35 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 10 Dec 2018 21:11:09 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> wrote:
>> Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> writes:
>>> 40 Years of the 'Fighter Mafia', An informal group begun by Col. John

>>> Boyd and mathematician Tom Christie calls for military reform--by doing
>>> more with less.
>>> <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/40-years-of-the-fighter-mafia/>
>>
>> re:
>> [http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#79](#79) Is LINUX the inheritor of the
Earth?
>> [http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#80](#80) Is LINUX the inheritor of the
Earth?
>>
>> Boyd is also credited with the "left hook" land war battle plan for
>> Desert Storm ... Desert Storm was 42day, only last 100hrs was land
>> war. GAO Air Effectiveness study has A10 taking out Iraqi tanks so
>> easily that the Iraqi crews were walking away from the tanks as sitting
>> ducks ... A10 sort of had turkey shoot ... firing total of million 30mm
>> shells during Desert Storm. Land war description of fierce tank battles
>> with coalition forces taking no damage, don't mention if the Iraqi tanks
>> had anyboyd home. Burton's "Pentagon Wars" has him getting the cost of
>> 30mm shells down from >\$80 to \$13 (million shells, \$13m).
>
> The problem with many of those shells was that being filled with 'depleted
> uranium', the residue will be still killing people in many years time.m

How will it be doing that? Do you know the LD50 for depleted uranium?
How will people get that much exposure?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 03:15:18 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 00:45:45 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc
<jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 9:13:09 PM UTC-7, J. Clarke wrote:
>
>> Boyd's view is that an idea combat aircraft is a lightweight daylight
>> dogfighter. He has math to show that such an aircraft will win most
>> of the time in air to air combat.
>
> Well, that's better than losing every time.

The trouble is that if it misses its shot at a bomber that is faster
than it is then it doesn't get a second shot.

> The Air Force and the Navy do have a variety of missions. If you make an

> airplane that's well-armed and has a long range, and so on, it will not be able
> to engage in a dogfight well... and one stripped for responsiveness will be
> inadequate for other missions.

The thing is, if you're dogfighting you're probably screwed up. The idea is to shoot down the bombers which can't dogfight anyway and make the fighters armed with bombs drop their bombs to engage in the fight. You only have to be better than a fighter loaded down with bombs and surface-attack missiles. If you can get him to drop those and then you run away faster than he can you've got a mission-kill.

But Boyd sees the job as being a big hero and shooting down lots of enemy planes, not protecting the fleet and delivering ordnance on target.

> The trouble with the right tool for the right job, of course, is that one
> doesn't always know in advance what tool one will need.

A carrier's got one tool. Used to have 5 but the DOD took four of those away.

> I doubt the right answer is a simple one.

It isn't but an underpowered short legged lightly armed turning machine isn't the solution.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 03:19:56 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 10 Dec 2018 11:42:35 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, Christian Brunschen <cb@elaine.df.lth.se> wrote:
>> In article
>> <1093074921.566095739.364855.peter_flass-yahoo.com@news.eternal-september.org>,
>> Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>> But the Soviet SST most assuredly _was_ put in
>>>> ordinary service.
>>>
>>> IIRC it flew once on a test flight and never again.
>>
>> The Tupolev Tu-144 (the Soviet SST in question) flew significantly more
>> than that.
>>

>> Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tupolev_Tu-144) summarizes:
>>
>> "The prototype first flew on 31 December 1968 near Moscow,[1] two months
>> before the first flight of the Concorde"
>>
>> "In May 1978, another Tu-144 (an improved version, named Tu-144D)
>> crashed on a test flight while being delivered, and the passenger fleet
>> was permanently grounded after only 55 scheduled flights. The aircraft
>> remained in use as a cargo aircraft until 1983, by which point a total
>> of 102 commercial flights had been completed. The Tu-144 was later used
>> by the Soviet space program to train pilots of the Buran spacecraft, and
>> by NASA for supersonic research."
>>
>> So, not a stellar success - but 102 commercial flights (55 passenger, 47
>> cargo) plus use for training space shuttle pilots and NASA supersonic
>> research, comes to a couple of orders of magnitude more than "once on a
>> test flight".
>>
>>>
>>> --
>>> Pete
>>
>> // Christian
>
> If I remember rightly, landing and takeoff from Kennedy (Idelwild?)
> caused an awesome amount of noise.
>
> The English did not mind,. it was not done to criticise "This Great
> British innovation"

Excuse me, but how is the Tuplev 144, designed by Alexei Tupolev of the Tupolev Design Bureau, Moscow, Soviet Union, and built by the Voronezh Aircraft Production Association, Voronezh, Soviet Union, "This Great British Innovation"?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 03:26:25 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 10 Dec 2018 10:13:30 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>> On 09/12/2018 11:17, J. Clarke wrote:
>>> You seem to have a negative attitude toward Sitka Spruce. You might
>>> want to look into its history--during WWII, 7782 deHavilland

>>> Mosquitoes, widely regarded as the most versatile aircraft in the war
>>> and until jets came along the fastest in general service, were
>>> constructed of Sitka Spruce. Sitka Spruce was chosen because it has
>>> the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any commercial timber
>>> available at the time.

>>
>> Ahhh now there was an aircraft. The thing of beauty.

>>
>> Andy

>
> As opposed to the "Spruce Goose?"

If the war had still been on, Hughes would probably have gotten a
production contract and it might have seen a good bit of service, but
no, it didn't have the versatility of the Mosquito.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 03:30:03 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 07:35:15 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 07/12/2018 00:56, J. Clarke wrote:
>> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 07:29:15 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> On 05/12/2018 21:31, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:
>>>> On Tue, 04 Dec 2018 18:50:08 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:
>>>> > The panels can be perfectly efficient, but without storage they're
>>>> > worthless.
>>>>
>>>> No. Even without battery they produce electricity the owner would not
>>>> otherwise draw from the grid. Of course a battery would help to further
>>>> reduce the dependency from the grid.
>>>
>>> Indeed.
>>> I have a 4kW solar array but no battery and find they work fine.
>>> I can use the power from my panels while the sun shines and reduce my
>>> demand from the grid.
>>> I regularly use my drier and washing machine during the day at no cost
>>> from the grid. My fridge and freezer run continuously so any use in the
>>> day is effectively free. I have a hot tub and it draws power from the
>>> panels during the day as well.
>>> ...and then what I do not use gets fed to the grid and I get paid for
>>> that. I get paid for supplying the grid at a lesser rate than I pay when
>>> drawing from the grid so feeding the grid is my last resort.

>>>
>>> So hardly useless.
>>
>> So how much did your solar array cost?
>
> £4000

Around here the installed cost of a 4KW array is about \$15,000 and that does not include another \$3000-5000 to take down several trees which would be necessary if it was to be effective.

I suspect I could make more off of that amount of money by investing it in the right securities.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 03:34:41 GMT
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Originally posted by: Stoa

On 11/12/18 3:54 PM, J. Clarke wrote:

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Heat pumps are 3-4 times more efficient than resistive heating. I use them for most of my heating needs. With local prices they are also much cheaper to use than natural gas.

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--brian

Wellington, NZ

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 04:34:15 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 16:34:41 +1300, Stoa <fake@fake.org> wrote:

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> cheaper to use than natural gas.

Either those are incredibly good heat pumps or you live in a fairly warm climate. However the loss with electric heat is at the other end.

Oh, and if you want _efficient_ try a _gas_ heat pump. The heat that goes into the cooling system goes to heat. The heat that goes out the exhaust is recovered through a heat exchanger. And then there's the heat moved around by the shaft work that goes into the heat pump. You get all the heat out of the fuel plus more.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 05:16:51 GMT
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On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 22:19:56 -0500
J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> Excuse me, but how is the Tuplev 144, designed by Alexei Tupolev of
> the Tupolev Design Bureau, Moscow, Soviet Union, and built by the
> Voronezh Aircraft Production Association, Voronezh, Soviet Union,
> "This Great British Innovation"?

It's a Concorde clone, or so it was said at the time, Konkordski was the common nickname.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 06:59:38 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 11/12/2018 02:53, J. Clarke wrote:

> On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:07:59 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>

>> On 09/12/2018 00:09, J. Clarke wrote:

>>

>>> My heater is not powered by electricity. Only a FUCKING IDIOT has a
>>> heater powered by electricity in the contemporary world.

>>

>> Judgemental much?

>> There are lots of reasons why electric heating works, maybe not in your
>> area or experience but it does work.

>> Some countries have electricity tariffs designed for storage heating.

>

> Practical much? Electric heating works just fine, it's just that it
> costs the Earth to run it.

Maybe where you live but not everywhere. This is a global forum and some people here come from places with different approaches to energy and different sized countries ranging from a single to multiple time zones.

There are places where it is cheap to use electricity where remotely controlled storage systems use up unused or cheap capacity during quiet periods. Most heating is instant on and near instant heat but a balanced demand system can use storage heating during slow demand to iron out dips in the generation. Some systems use a background heating system to keep with rooms at a fixed background temperature with instant on heating to boost when needed. This may be coming to an end as more and more electric cars charge up overnight and it becomes as sellers market in overnight energy.

How ever, you made the general statement and I showed you the white crow.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:02:07 GMT

Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 10:34, Huge wrote:

> This is called "pollarding", and is a technique that dates back to medieval
> times.

Thanks I could not remember the word and google is not good when your question is "what is the name for that technique when you cut a tree but not all the tree, just the top bit and it regrows.....waffle ad infinitum"

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:09:14 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:18:53 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 22:42, Dan Espen wrote:

> Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> writes:
> This is odd:
>
> should not be able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than

> 15.5mph
>
> How come a UK government web site is showing speeds in mph?

Because the UK, although metric, retains the use of mph for road signs and pints for pubs.

Most liquids are sold in litres but beer is still in pints. Car speedos are in mph and kph.

I'm a glider pilot and I use an odd combination of knots for speed, feet for altitude and km for distance.

Science, engineering and similar use metric.

Andy

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:20:28 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 12:03, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

> On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:37:07 +0000

> AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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>> On 09/12/2018 16:38, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

>>> Solar hot water - to be built into the wall of an outbuilding

>>> beside the house. I'm not buying commercial panels though, building the

>>> panels into the wall makes it a DIY job - more fun that way too.

>>

>> Vacuum tube solar water heating is remarkably effective. Not as much fun

>> and DIY solar but the top gets so hot it can give you a burn through to

>> the muscle.

>

> I know - but you can get flat plate up to 70-80C too it just loses

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:-)

Andy

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:37:41 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 12:35, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

> On 10 Dec 2018 10:46:02 GMT

> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

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>> On 2018-12-10, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>>> On 09/12/2018 17:59, Huge wrote:

>>>> On 2018-12-09, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

>>>>

>>>> > YMMV based on insolation characteristics and local cost of

>>>> > electricity; in California,

>>>>

>>>> Bingo. In cloudy UK, not so much. Sometimes at this time of year,

>>>> especially if an Atlantic High comes and sits over the country we may

>>>> not see any sun at all for several weeks at a time.

>>>

>>> I live in Scotland with a 4kW system and I am online for a payback

>>> within 10 years.

>>

>> So, already the previously quoted figures are shown to be wrong.

>

> The "typically 6-7 years payback" figure ? That's for better

> climates than Scotland - south of London should achieve it easily if

> Scotland can manage 10 years.

>

>> moneysavingexpert.com says that all other things being equal, a medium

>> sized house in the UK midlands will take ~22 years to recover the cost of

>> the panels. (By which time they'll be knackered.) And that figure includes

>

> I notice they paid 6500 for the panels instead of the 4000 Andy

> paid - the rest doesn't quite square with Andy's figures but their's are

> theoretical (presumably on the average to pessimistic) and his are measured.

You also need to factor in that I am actively managing my use during generation times and my panels face directly south.

As an engineer (or geek depending on your view, I'll accept either) I have ITTT systems to monitor my web-connected inverter and I switch on various consumer units when required.

My hot tub and some computers are always on but when generation exceeds 1kw I can switch on my drier (heat pump technology so low power) and/or washer. I can also switch in other systems (oven, crock pot, boiler) as I have a lot of remotely controllable switches.

Not everyone will be able to do this but it shows that it can be done.

I have a friend who is off-grid for gas and so uses his panels to charge storage heaters in his house. He has wood pelleted central heating for peak demand but panels are saving him a fortune. Basically free house heating.

The other factor is the FIT scheme (Feed-in tariff) basically a primer to get the industry going. It started at 48p per unit generated back when a domestic system would cost £20k. I get 12p per unit and my set up was £4k. The FIT scheme is now 4p per unit. Technically it is paid on 50% generation assuming that you feed 50% back to the grid. In reality I use most of what I generate so I am benefiting under the scheme. Many people will feed in more than they get paid for.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:40:16 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 13:14, Huge wrote:

> (Did Andy(?) install his own panels? If so, did he factor in the cost
> of his own labour? I'd wager yes and no, respectively.)

I was not allowed to.

Under the FIT scheme in the UK you needed to use an approved installer and they supply an installation certificate that allows you to enter the scheme.

The £4k was all in cost. They turned up and installed the whole thing in a morning.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:49:58 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 14:55, Huge wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

> Most UK installs are on the roof of a 2 storey building; you won't be doing

> that in 6 hours. And these days most installers will want scaffolding putting
> up, even *that* is going to take longer than 6 hours.

In my case it was a 2 storey house. Scaffolding will take > 6 hour if you use the old fashioned stuff heavy steel and wooden board. The installers had lightweight folding scaffolding. I have a garden to the front so they could not use their scaffold tower but even then the folding scaffold was up in about a half hour. Basically folding box section about a metre high and then they clip in aluminium scaffold boards for rigidity. We use a similar system where I work.

While the installers were setting up the scaffolding the electrician was installing the inverter. By the time the inverter and meter were installed the panels were going in on the roof.

I offered them a coffee at lunchtime but declined as they were off to install another system in the afternoon.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:52:49 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 18:31, maus wrote:

> Until the next windy day. I know places in the mountains where the
> sun only rises about 11 in the morning, and sets about two.

Mine has withstood gales with no issues.

Not sure what the point of the mountains and daylight is.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:57:35 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 12:04, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

> On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 08:45:50 +0000
> AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>
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>> even with the low sun I managed about 2kW.
>
> Have you dropped your h's ? Ten years is about what I calculated
> for North Kerry so it's good to hear confirmation.

No I get reports on instant (actually per second) generation in kW. I don't bother with kWh as that requires me to get on my knees in the cupboard and look at the meter with a torch. I could capture the data and do the maths but I find KW and the daily graph are enough for me.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 08:39:52 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:20:28 +0000
AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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Damn busted! Still

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:21:59 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 21:06, maus wrote:

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I used a couple at home until plug in wifi repeaters became cheap and easy to use.

....and you get to eat the pringles to obtain the empty can.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:22:59 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 10/12/2018 21:11, Andy Burns wrote:

> AndyW wrote:

>

>> On a clear sunny day in summer I generate about 3.5kW. We had a sunny
>> morning yesterday and even with the low sun I managed about 2kW.

>

> Should we read those as kWh ?

No, it's an instantaneous figure so no time component.

Technically updates every second but basically instantaneous.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:31:19 GMT

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On 2018-12-10, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> On 10 Dec 2018 21:02:00 GMT

> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>> On 2018-12-10, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

>>> On 10 Dec 2018 18:35:42 GMT

>>> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>>>

>>>> In Ireland, repair work on rooftops is very, very, expensive to insure,

>>>> and rightly impossible without scaffolding. The decisive point was

>>>> about 14 feet.

>>>

>>> Yet when the Imagine crew came to install my LTE broadband they

>>> first tried the unit by the wall, then on a pole held by the gable and

>>> finally one of them walked up the roof with the pole, tried it next to

>>> the chimney, pronounced it good and proceeded to lash it into place.

>>> The man who installed my pellet burner did much the same when he fitted

>>> the cowl to the flue. Similarly the crew that the original builder (not

>>> employed by me) sent to repair the ridge tiles that blew off in the

>>> first gale after the house was built used no scaffold, just a couple of

>>> roof ladders.

>>>

>>

>> All grand until someone falls.

>

> Sure but each one of those was employed by a company that provided

> their roof going gear and expected them to do it that way. How they squared

> it with their insurance is anybody's guess.

>

No, its your guess. When something bad happens, the victims look around for someone with money. I would not let anyone around the place for doing a dangerous job without checking _their_ insurance cert.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered om any subject:

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:34:09 GMT

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On 2018-12-11, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>> , would France use the aircraft carrier to bomb the UK one day and The UK
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>>
>> But how likely is that the UK and France wage war?
>>
>> Although when in WWII France was about to be overrun by the Nazis the UK
>> asked France to surrender her warships. As France declined UK destroyers
>> shelled and sunk them, although France was an ally.
>
> Which battle are you thinking of? The only record I can find of the
> British sinking French ships was Mers-El-Kebir which was mostly a
> battleship engagement in North Africa.

That was surely what he meant. There were a lot of French sailors killed
and the French are still sore about it.

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Probably, those that eat the Pringles are in more danger than those
falling off the roof. :)

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:41:47 GMT

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On 2018-12-10, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

> maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:

>

> Some bad examples there.

>

> When jobs can be done by less people, you get automated out of a job.

> For rubbish collection, the usual trash truck crew of 3 is now down to 1

> using a loader on the front of the truck, the driver never leaves his

> seat. Carpenters and plumbers, nifty tools. Lots of tech in most of

> the manual labor jobs including prefab, done in factories where more

> machines come into play. I see lots of machines at work in fields on TV

> shows. I like that machine that shakes nuts out of trees.

>

Would be very handy on a pro-Global Warming website. ;)

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>

> I hope not, that would be pretty pathetic.

In the UK you are limited as to how much power you can generate and feed into the grid before you are classed as a commercial generator and then you need to comply with a lot of regs that makes it pointless to try to feed in.

My set up is a 4kW system (the maximum) and I live at 56 degree north so 2kW in the winter is fairly decent in the winter.

- > The amount generated by the panels varies throughout the day
- > in a sort of bell curve. The 3.5KW is the peak instantaneous
- > generation at the top of the bell curve.
- >
- > Typically, in the summertime, I peak at about the same (3.8Kw) and
- > generate somewhere north of 35Kwh each sunny day (every summer day is
- > sunny and clear around these parts). In the winter, the peak
- > (due to sun angle, mainly) is closer to 2.2Kw and daily generation is
- > in the 4 to 10 Kwh range depending on the weather (it's rainy season).

In the summer where I live it gets dark for maybe 4 hours, the rest of the time my panels generate. In June the sun comes up about 5am and it sets about 10pm. There is good twilight for an hour or two before and after so I guess it all balances out. I will get 3.5kW for maybe 6 to 8 hours and a little less either end tending to zero. This last summer was a bumper year as we had uncharacteristically clear skies for months. I can drive 3 hours north and read a newspaper in June at midnight by the twilight so we get a lot of sunshine in the summer. I can generate maybe 30-35kWh in a good summer day.

Andy

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I had a neighbour who would give the neighbours surplus tomatoes.
Amazing flavour.

I think you can buy those sort of tomatoes in Supermarkets,
in bunches, a couple of times dearer than the ordinary ones.
I also heard that in 'improving' the breeds of tomato, somebody
bred one that grew into a cube.

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I have a friend who lives mostly off grid and has his own solar thermal
system, solar PV and wind generator and battery set up yet people will
patiently explain to him that solar and wind do not work despite the
fact that he has been off grid for about 4 years when a storm took out
his power line and he agreed with the electricity company to not bother
fixing it.

He also has log burners and a pelleted wood central heating system.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:50:32 GMT
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On 2018-12-10, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:
> Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> writes:
>
> G> maus wrote:
>>
>>> Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
>>>
>>>> maus wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > I am actually thinking of buying one.
>>>>
>>>> Is there not an issue of requiring tax and insurance on those ?
>>>
>>> I will have to ask. I tend to think of things like that for a while
>>> before actually spending money. The weight is more of a problem.
>>
>> I'm sure Ireland will have its own rules, but in the UK
>>
>> <<https://www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules>>
>
> This is odd:
>
> should not be able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than
> 15.5mph
>
> How come a UK government web site is showing speeds in mph?
>

They never changed. Driving from Dublin to Belfast, the first real notice that you are in a different country is the speed limits in MPH.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:53:49 GMT
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On 2018-12-11, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
> On 10/12/2018 22:42, Dan Espen wrote:
>> Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> writes:

>> This is odd:
>>
>> should not be able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than
>> 15.5mph
>>
>> How come a UK government web site is showing speeds in mph?
>
> Because the UK, although metric, retains the use of mph for road signs
> and pints for pubs.
> Most liquids are sold in litres but beer is still in pints. Car speedos
> are in mph and kph.
>
> I'm a glider pilot and I use an odd combination of knots for speed, feet
> for altitude and km for distance.
>
> Science, engineering and similar use metric.
>
> Andy
>

Many years ago, I was in the market in Orleans, France. Vegetables weee sold in something called, like, "Poids de Orleans "

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Opinions offered om any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:03:51 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 11/12/2018 08:39, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:20:28 +0000
> AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>> Fun wins every time.
>> Definition: Engineer, a person who will spend £100 to solve a £10 problem.
>> :-)
>
> Damn busted! Still
>
> Designer: A person who will add £500 in decoration to the £100 solution of
> a £10 problem.

Designer: A person who will add £500 in decoration. The actual solution is optional.

Marketing: A department that will add £500 to a solution for a problem that you never had but you bought it anyway.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:05:38 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 11/12/2018 10:04, Huge wrote:

> On 2018-12-11, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

>> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:20:28 +0000

>> AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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>>> On 10/12/2018 12:03, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

>>

>>>> I know - but you can get flat plate up to 70-80C too it just

>>>> loses more heat so you need more area to compensate. It's a trade off

>>>> between efficiency and cost/fun. I'm planning four 8'x4' panels in the

>>>> wall (12 m^2), I could probably use less than half that with vacuum

>>>> tubes to similar effect but the design is very cheap and if it's not

>>>> good enough I can always change it around later.

>>>

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>>> :-)

>>

>> Damn busted! Still

>>

>> Designer: A person who will add £500 in decoration to the £100 solution of

>> a £10 problem.

>

> Businessperson: Someone who charges £1500 for the end result.

Consultant: Someone borrows your watch to tell you the time and then bills you for it.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:07:41 GMT
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On 2018-12-11, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
> On 10 Dec 2018 21:11:09 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>
>> On 2018-12-10, Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> wrote:
>>> Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> writes:
>>>> 40 Years of the 'Fighter Mafia', An informal group begun by Col. John
>>>> Boyd and mathematician Tom Christie calls for military reform--by doing
>>>> more with less.
>>>> <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/40-years-of -the-fighter-mafia/>
>>>
>>> re:
>>> <http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#79> Is LINUX the inheritor of the
Earth?
>>> <http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#80> Is LINUX the inheritor of the
Earth?
>>>
>>> Boyd is also credited with the "left hook" land war battle plan for
>>> Desert Storm ... Desert Storm was 42day, only last 100hrs was land
>>> war. GAO Air Effectiveness study has A10 taking out Iraqi tanks so
>>> easily that the Iraqi crews were walking away from the tanks as sitting
>>> ducks ... A10 sort of had turkey shoot ... firing total of million 30mm
>>> shells during Desert Storm. Land war description of fierce tank battles
>>> with coalition forces taking no damage, don't mention if the Iraqi tanks
>>> had anyboyd home. Burton's "Pentagon Wars" has him getting the cost of
>>> 30mm shells down from >\$80 to \$13 (million shells, \$13m).
>>
>> The problem with many of those shells was that being filled with 'depleted
>> uranium', the residue will be still killing people in many years time.m
>
> How will it be doing that? Do you know the LD50 for depleted uranium?
> How will people get that much exposure?

I rely on Iraqi sources, saying that children cancers are much higher
than before GulfWarII. I would also rely on stories that in training
in the US, depleted uranium shot can only be fired under very limited
ways, using ways that will not allow the DU to not get into the
Athmosphere.

One of the other sad thing about the Iraqi invasion is the way that
a large part of the resident Christian population had to flee, as the
Muslims thought that they had some connection with the USA.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:10:18 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 11/12/2018 10:50, maus wrote:

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- > that you are in a different country is the speed limits in MPH.

My experience (although it may have changed) is that on driving from Northern Ireland to the republic there were loads of petrol stations just over the border to sell cheap petrol to the people from NI.

So much nicer than passing through barricades and machine gun posts of old.

Andy

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:11:38 GMT
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On 2018-12-11, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 10 Dec 2018 11:42:35 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>

>> On 2018-12-10, Christian Brunschen <cb@elaine.df.lth.se> wrote:

>>> In article

<1093074921.566095739.364855.peter_flass-yahoo.com@news.eternal-september.org>,

>>> Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

>>

>> If I remember rightly, landing and takeoff from Kennedy (Idelwild?)

>> caused an awesome amount of noise.

>>

>> The English did not mind,. it was not done to criticise "This Great

>> British innovation"

>

> Excuse me, but how is the Tuplev 144, designed by Alexei Tupolev of

> the Tupolev Design Bureau, Moscow, Soviet Union, and built by the

> Voronezh Aircraft Production Association, Voronezh, Soviet Union,

> "This Great British Innovation"?

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I was referring to the Concorde.

It was _notdone_ to point out that the Concorde was a White Elephant.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:15:29 GMT

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On 2018-12-11, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 10 Dec 2018 10:13:30 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>

>> On 2018-12-10, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>>> On 09/12/2018 11:17, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>> You seem to have a negative attitude toward Sitka Spruce. You might

>>>> want to look into its history--during WWII, 7782 deHavilland

>>>> Mosquitoes, widely regarded as the most versatile aircraft in the war

>>>> and until jets came along the fastest in general service, were

>>>> constructed of Sitka Spruce. Sitka Spruce was chosen because it has

>>>> the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any commercial timber

>>>> available at the time.

>>>

>>> Ahhh now there was an aircraft. The thing of beauty.

>>>

>>> Andy

>>

>> As opposed to the "Spruce Goose?"

>

> If the war had still been on, Hughes would probably have gotten a

> production contract and it might have seen a good bit of service, but

> no, it didn't have the versatility of the Mosquito.

If I remember the story correctly, Hughes would get a lot of his money back _if_ the plane ever flew at all. With a great amount of effort, it did get into the air for a few moments, then was towed away to storage.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:25:50 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 11/12/2018 10:39, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

> Salesman: Someone who makes you think you got a bargain.

Someone who sells you something you don't need to solve a problem you
don't have to impress people you don't like.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:52:05 GMT
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On 10/12/2018 18:55, Bill Findlay wrote:

> On 9 Dec 2018, J. Clarke wrote

> (in article<80oo0etftmem6ngbsesi4jo7tq2r1dnha2@4ax.com>):

>

>> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:24:47 +0000, Bill Findlay

>> <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

>>

>>> On 8 Dec 2018, maus wrote

>>> (in article <slrnq0npm6.1lm.mausg@dmaus.org>):

>>>

>>>> Voltaire criticised the Romanists, but hedged his bets by having a Catholic
>>>> funeral.

>>>

>>> Nope.

>>

>> He did criticise the Romanists and he did have a Catholic burial, so
>> you must be asserting that the motivation for doing so is something
>> other than a "hedging of bets". Do you have evidence of the
>> motivation?

>

> Do YOU have evidence that HE hedged his bets? Hmm?

>

> It is a tedious trope of believers in the supernatural that non-theists
> are wont to "see the light" on their death beds.

>

> Many, if not all, of these stories are lies. In the case of David Hume,
> for example, we have no less an authority than James Boswell for
> the truth of the matter.

>
> But Lying For The Lord is doing the Lord's Work.
> So that's OK.
>
> I am reminded of the passages in Josephus that are claimed to
> prove the existence of the transcendental fig tree destroyer.
> Modern theologians accept that these are "interpolations".
> The language used in any other context would be "fakes".
>

If the man did not convert on his death bed then the story tellers are breaking the 10 Commandments by committing the sin of 'false witness' against him.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:58:39 GMT
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On 11 Dec 2018 10:31:19 GMT
maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
>> On 10 Dec 2018 21:02:00 GMT
>> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> On 2018-12-10, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
>>>> On 10 Dec 2018 18:35:42 GMT
>>>> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > In Ireland, repair work on rooftops is very, very, expensive to
>>>> > insure, and rightly impossible without scaffolding. The decisive
>>>> > point was about 14 feet.
>>>>
>>>> Yet when the Imagine crew came to install my LTE broadband
>>>> they first tried the unit by the wall, then on a pole held by the
>>>> gable and finally one of them walked up the roof with the pole,
>>>> tried it next to the chimney, pronounced it good and proceeded to
>>>> lash it into place. The man who installed my pellet burner did much
>>>> the same when he fitted the cowl to the flue. Similarly the crew
>>>> that the original builder (not employed by me) sent to repair the
>>>> ridge tiles that blew off in the first gale after the house was
>>>> built used no scaffold, just a couple of roof ladders.
>>>>
>>>
>>> All grand until someone falls.
>>
>> Sure but each one of those was employed by a company that

>> provided their roof going gear and expected them to do it that way. How
>> they squared it with their insurance is anybody's guess.
>>
>
> No, its your guess. When something bad happens, the victims look around
> for someone with money. I would not let anyone around the place for
> doing a dangerous job without checking _their_ insurance cert.

If it's a contractor I'm employing then yes definitely. If it's someone else's employee or contractor that they are sending as part of a service that I'm buying then their use of safety equipment and following of safety practices is not my responsibility, anyone trying hard enough to say otherwise will meet a good lawyer head on.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 12:02:00 GMT
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On 10/12/2018 19:15, Cory Heisterkamp wrote:

> On Monday, December 10, 2018 at 2:45:55 AM UTC-6, AndyW wrote:
>> On 09/12/2018 17:59, Huge wrote:
>>> On 2018-12-09, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:
>>
>>>> YMMV based on insolation characteristics and local cost of electricity;
>>>> in California,
>>>
>>> Bingo. In cloudy UK, not so much. Sometimes at this time of year, especially
>>> if an Atlantic High comes and sits over the country we may not see any sun at
>>> all for several weeks at a time.

>>
>> I live in Scotland with a 4kW system and I am online for a payback
>> within 10 years. Even on a cloudy day I generate. On a clear sunny day
>> in summer I generate about 3.5kW. We had a sunny morning yesterday and
>> even with the low sun I managed about 2kW.

>>
>>
>> Andy
>

> Here in the midwest USA, private PV solar has really been gaining traction, especially with land being available for small arrays (no roof top installs required). Our 10kW setup averages over 50kWh during sunny weather, but is especially efficient on cold winter days as long as I knock

the snow off.

>

> I suspect those that claim PV isn't financially viable are looking at contractor quotes (double, triple material costs and a little labor). Those willing to roll-their-own will save substantially and can put in the time optimizing their design and selecting their own components rather than accept a generic contractor package that may not perform as well.

>

I suspect they are also using the price of PV and electricity from 10-20 years ago. The price reductions from Chinese mass production of solar cells has made a big difference.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 12:07:57 GMT

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On 11 Dec 2018 11:11:38 GMT

maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> It was _notdone_ to point out that the Concorde was a White Elephant.

It was all going so well until everyone (including the British) said "no way are you going supersonic over our land". My brother had a house in Twickenham for a while, under the flight path! I was unlucky enough to experience Concorde taking off overhead - the whole building shook bringing to mind Douglas Adam's wonderful phrase "a mind-buggering noise".

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 12:09:46 GMT

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On 10/12/2018 22:15, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

> On 9 Dec 2018 21:48:40 GMT, maus wrote:

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>> On 2018-12-09, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>>>> There was a dispute between the UK and the Republic about a rock in the

>>>> atlantic called 'Rockall', Nobody lives on it, nobody could live on it.

>>>
>>> There is also a rock between Greenland (which belongs to Denmark) and
>>> Canada. Which now is not really important. But if the ice melts both
>>> Denmark and Canada are interested to get the oil there. And were at least
>>> engaged to rise their own flag on that island, while the other party came
>>> to swap it with their own flag
>>> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans_Island#Google_fight>.
>>
>> Yes, I have read of that before. I think that it is more that Greenland is
>> associated with Denmark, rather than it belongs to it
>
> But Greenland must belong to some country, no?
>
>>> Imagine Canada and Denmark go to war. Both are parts of the NATO...
>>
>> Turkey and NATO??...
>
> Why do you bring up Turkey?
>
>> There was a thing about the UK and France going together to buy a
>> 'previously loved' US aircraft carrier. In case of a war between the two
>> , would France use the aircraft carrier to bomb the UK one day and The UK
>> use it to bomb France the next?. "Catch 22", how are ye.
>
> But how likely is that the UK and France wage war?
>
> Although when in WWII France was about to be overrun by the Nazis the UK
> asked France to surrender her warships. As France declined UK destroyers
> shelled and sunk them, although France was an ally.
>
c/was an ally./used to be an ally./

There is a big difference. France had become a collaborator.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 12:16:32 GMT
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On 10/12/2018 22:43, Andy Burns wrote:
> Dan Espen wrote:
>
>> How come a UK government web site is showing speeds in mph?
>
> because we don't use kilometres or kph.

We also sell milk in pints. Housewives never metricated.

You are beginning to wonder into the real reasons the UK is leaving the European Union.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 12:58:33 GMT

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On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 12:16:32 +0000

Andrew Swallow <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:

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> European Union.

The next will be a withdrawl from world cricket so they can have whites and googlies back with nice leisurely games and none of this fast paced modern stuff.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [scott](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 14:09:03 GMT

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Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:

> On 2018-12-11, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

>

> P.S. We were awoken from our slumbers a couple of months ago by a loud

> bang. I thought at first the boiler (US: furnace) had exploded, but

> nothing untoward seemed to have happened, so I went back to bed.

>

> It was a couple of days before I discovered that it had been a

> Eurofighter Typhoon scrambled from RAF Marham, 'en route' to London
> Gatwick airport to escort a commercial airliner with a security
> issue. The Typhoon had been given permission to go supersonic 'en
> route'.

When they were landing the shuttles at Edwards, their inbound flight path generally crossed the LA basin. The double-bang of the sonic boom was quite noticable.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 15:01:29 GMT
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Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

On 11/12/2018 10:04, Huge wrote:

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Reminds me of the Six Phases Of A Project ...

Enthusiasm

Disillusionment

Panic

Search for the guilty

Punishment of the innocent

Praise and honours for the non-participants.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 16:34:20 GMT
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On 2018-12-11, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 11/12/2018 10:50, maus wrote:

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> Northern Ireland to the republic there were loads of petrol stations
> just over the border to sell cheap petrol to the people from NI.

>

> So much nicer than passing through barricades and machine gun posts of old.

>

> Andy

>

>

yes. That us one thing that makes me very F***** angry about the present proposals.

Years ago, a man called Martin O'Donoghue made a smart proposal, do away with car tax and raise the money by taxing fuel, the more you used, the more you paid. Everyone below a certain distance of the Border drove North (or South, in Donegal) to fill up.

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Opinions offered om any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 16:36:15 GMT

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On 2018-12-11, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-11, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

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>
> Oh, they'll be back. You can call it the Rees-Mogg Line.
>

You are aware that the company that Rees-Mogg owns has opened a Branch in Dublin???.. Just in case.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 16:45:29 GMT
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On 2018-12-11, Andrew Swallow <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:
> On 10/12/2018 22:15, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:
>> On 9 Dec 2018 21:48:40 GMT, maus wrote:
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> c/was an ally./used to be an ally./
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True.

HOWEVER, the reason for the bombardment was the Winston was afraid that the Nazis would take over the French Fleet, and use it against the UK. That turned out to be incorrect, as the rest of the French fleet was anchored at Toulon, and was scuttled by the French when the Nazis tried to take it over in 1943.

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Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 18:01:39 GMT

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On 11/12/2018 16:45, maus wrote:

> On 2018-12-11, Andrew Swallow <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:

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> that the Nazis would take over the French Fleet, and use it against

> the UK. That turned out to be incorrect, as the rest of the French fleet

> was anchored at Toulon, and was scuttled by the French when the Nazis

> tried to take it over in 1943.

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In 1943 the French knew that if they did not scuttle the ships the
British would come and sink them.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 18:42:18 GMT

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On Monday, December 10, 2018 at 5:32:39 PM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:

> When jobs can be done by less people, you get automated out of a job.

> For rubbish collection, the usual trash truck crew of 3 is now down to 1

> using a loader on the front of the truck, the driver never leaves his

> seat. Carpenters and plumbers, nifty tools. Lots of tech in most of

> the manual labor jobs including prefab, done in factories where more

> machines come into play. I see lots of machines at work in fields on TV

> shows. I like that machine that shakes nuts out of trees.

Sometimes automation results in lower costs and lower consumer prices. This results in more business and ends up with higher employment. One example is the telephone company of the past. As they implemented new technology over the years, the cost of long distance calls dropped significantly, which resulted in higher calling volume. In the 1970s they actually needed more telephone operators than in the days of manual calls despite intensive automation by then. Another example is housing. Levitt pushed mass production of his Levittown houses which allowed lower prices and far more sales since his houses were affordable by the masses.

However, _today_ I think that trend has mostly ended. IMHO, a lot of automation has resulted in fewer jobs or lower paying jobs, but no corresponding increase in consumer benefits. For instance, banking is highly automated now, yet consumers don't get the benefits. Construction has automation, but prices are high.

I guess computer gadgets are still cheap.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 18:43:56 GMT

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maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-11, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>> On 11/12/2018 10:50, maus wrote:

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>> just over the border to sell cheap petrol to the people from NI.

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>> So much nicer than passing through barricades and machine gun posts of old.

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>> Andy

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> yes. That us one thing that makes me very F***** angry about the present

> proposals.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 18:50:09 GMT
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I have heard of people in the US driving to the next state for various things.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [scott](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 19:00:49 GMT

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Which can be simply across the river (e.g. iowans crossing into illinois to avoid the old state-run liquor monopoly) or across the street (e.g. South Lake Tahoe).

Back in the pre-embargo days, it wasn't uncommon for people to arrange their trips such that they pass through one of the towns with the cheapest gas (USD 0.23/gal instead of 0.25 :-).

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 19:40:54 GMT

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Twice a week I work in an office out at the edge of Metro Vancouver (the sexy new name for the Greater Vancouver Regional District). At lunchtime I can drive to a gas station just across the boundary and save at least 12 cents a litre in Metro Vancouver fuel taxes.

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 19:46:38 GMT

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On 2018-12-11, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-11, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 19:50:05 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:42:18 -0800 (PST)
hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

> For instance,
> banking is highly automated now, yet consumers don't get the benefits.

I see a good many benefits since I first started banking.

- * 24/7 ATMs for everything cash related
- * 24/7 Online and telephone banking for most other things
- * Free next working day (latest) transfers within Europe
- * Access to a number of cheap and fast transfer options outside Europe
- * Debit cards for face and remote payments
- * Debit cards that work when I'm traveling
- * No cheques to fill in
- * On the rare occasions I do need to visit a branch they're open normal shopping hours and Saturdays with short queues and fast helpful service.

It compares very favorably indeed with everything bank related involving visiting the bank which opened 9:30-3:30 Monday to Friday, filling in forms and standing in long queues to present them to a supercilious cashier - sometimes to be sent off to fill in another form and return - via the long queue, posting cheques and waiting for them to clear, waiting three days for a cheque to clear before you could use your money, paying twenty five quid and waiting three days for a bank transfer and ...

No there haven't been many benefits to the customer.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith | Directable Mirror Arrays
C:\>WIN | A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see
You lose and Bill collects. | <http://www.sohara.org/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Bill Findlay](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 20:05:07 GMT
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Andrew Swallow <am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:

> On 10/12/2018 18:55, Bill Findlay wrote:

>> On 9 Dec 2018, J. Clarke wrote

>> (in article<[80oo0etftmem6ngbsesi4jo7tq2r1dnha2@4ax.com](#)>):

>>

>>> On Sat, 08 Dec 2018 18:24:47 +0000, Bill Findlay

>>> <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

>>>

>>>> On 8 Dec 2018, maus wrote

>>>> (in article <[slrnq0npm6.1lm.mausg@dmaus.org](#)>):

>>>>

>>>> > Voltaire criticised the Romanists, but hedged his bets by having a Catholic

>>>> > funeral.

>>>>

>>>> Nope.

>>>>

>>> He did criticise the Romanists and he did have a Catholic burial, so

>>> you must be asserting that the motivation for doing so is something

>>> other than a "hedging of bets". Do you have evidence of the

>>> motivation?

>>>

>> Do YOU have evidence that HE hedged his bets? Hmm?

>>

>> It is a tedious trope of believers in the supernatural that non-theists

>> are wont to "see the light" on their death beds.

>>

>> Many, if not all, of these stories are lies. In the case of David Hume,

>> for example, we have no less an authority than James Boswell for

>> the truth of the matter.

>>

>> But Lying For The Lord is doing the Lord's Work.

>> So that's OK.

>>

>> I am reminded of the passages in Josephus that are claimed to

>> prove the existence of the transcendental fig tree destroyer.

>> Modern theologians accept that these are "interpolations".

>> The language used in any other context would be "fakes".

>>

>
> If the man did not convert on his death bed then the story tellers are
> breaking the 10 Commandments by committing the sin of 'false witness'
> against him.
>

You don't say!

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Bill Findlay

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 20:14:31 GMT
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hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

> For instance, banking is highly automated now, yet consumers don't get
> the benefits.

Actually, I much appreciate my banks automation.

I rarely have to even go there with ATMs and online bill paying.

My bank, a credit union, recently remodeled.
There are no more tellers at a counter, each person sits at a desk.
More like a travel agency than a bank.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 21:07:30 GMT
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On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 21:53:53 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>
> Practical much? Electric heating _works_ just fine,

Unless there is a prolonged power outage. Especially nasty when the
outside temperature is way below the freezing mark.

> it's just that it costs the Earth to run it.

If you have a river near by thus using hydro electric it doesn't cost the

earth that much.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments

<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 21:18:29 GMT

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On 11 Dec 2018 10:34:09 GMT, maus wrote:

>

> On 2018-12-11, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 17:15:51 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>>

>>> Although when in WWII France was about to be overrun by the Nazis the UK

>>> asked France to surrender her warships. As France declined UK destroyers

>>> shelled and sunk them, although France was an ally.

>>

>> Which battle are you thinking of? The only record I can find of the

>> British sinking French ships was Mers-El-Kebir which was mostly a

>> battleship engagement in North Africa.

>

> That was surely what he meant. There were a lot of French sailors killed

> and the French are still sore about it.

Yes, although I could not recall where it happened. It also seems, regarding <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attack_on_Mers-el-K%C3%A9bir>, that it was an air attack, not by Navy ships as I thought.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 11 Dec 2018 22:40:15 GMT

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Originally posted by: Stoa

On 11/12/18 5:34 PM, J. Clarke wrote:

> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 16:34:41 +1300, Stoa <fake@fake.org> wrote:

>
>> On 11/12/18 3:54 PM, J. Clarke wrote:
>>
>>> Houses are built with electric heating regardless of where the
>>> electricity comes from. It's still horribly inefficient.
>>
>>
>> Heat pumps are 3-4 times more efficient than resistive heating. I use
>> them for most of my heating needs. With local prices they are also much
>> cheaper to use than natural gas.
>
> Either those are incredibly good heat pumps or you live in a fairly
> warm climate. However the loss with electric heat is at the other
> end.
>
> Oh, and if you want _efficient_ try a _gas_ heat pump. The heat that
> goes into the cooling system goes to heat. The heat that goes out the
> exhaust is recovered through a heat exchanger. And then there's the
> heat moved around by the shaft work that goes into the heat pump. You
> get all the heat out of the fuel plus more.

Yes, I could use gas to drive the compressor. I have a gas line adjacent to the external units to provide continuous hot water. Maybe next time.

The point was that electrical energy is used only to drive the compressor, fan and controls. Heat is taken from the outside air, so this is far more efficient than using electricity (or gas) to heat the air directly.

>
>> This works well here because we can use air-source pumps, and don't need
>> extensive (and expensive) underground piping for ground-source. We have
>> a cool climate but very few frosts.
>>
>> --brian
>>
>> Wellington, NZ

--brian

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 00:29:31 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On Sun, 09 Dec 2018 16:37:51 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
> On 9 Dec 2018 09:13:06 GMT, maus wrote:
>>
>> On 2018-12-08, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>
>>> The North Sea is covered with oil platforms. Way beyond 12 miles.
>>>
>>
>> By international agreement, between the neighbouring countries (Not
>> many people know that stone age implements are frequently recovered
>> from the shallow middle of the North sea, are they from stone age
>> britian or stone age Norway.. ?)
>>
>> There was a dispute between the UK and the Republic about a rock in the
>> atlantic called 'Rockall', Nobody lives on it, nobody could live on it.
>
> There is also a rock between Greenland (which belongs to Denmark) and
> Canada. Which now is not really important. But if the ice melts both
> Denmark and Canada are interested to get the oil there. And were at least
> engaged to rise their own flag on that island, while the other party came
> to swap it with their own flag
> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans_Island#Google_fight>.
>
> Imagine Canada and Denmark go to war. Both are parts of the NATO...

Turkey and Greece are also part of NATO. They ave gone to war before
using ships, etc. given to them as part of their NATO gear.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 00:31:44 GMT
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> things.
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Maybe if you live within 20 miles of the border - unless it's something
that's illegal in your state. Pot is a contemporary example.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 00:31:46 GMT
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Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
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It's probably worthwhile if combined with other stuff on the trip.

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Pete

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 00:35:56 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On 9 Dec 2018 22:36:08 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
> On 2018-12-09, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
>> On 2018-12-09, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> On 9 Dec 2018 18:45:18 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>
>>> we're going to have to live with what we have for a long time.
>>
>> Perhaps - but a few tweaks to the system could make things a lot
>> easier in the meantime.
>>
>
> Re Yorkshire: I worked all over the UK once, and found Yorkshire a
> fairly friendly place, once they got to know you. Passed through a
> few years ago, the towns centres were taken over by Pakistanis or Hindus,
> different sort of people.
>
> If you are going to reduce reproduction, that is what you are up against,
> other people coming in to take over the jobs that are there, but no
> youngsters to take them.
>
> I have heard of the same happening in the US, where Latin Americans are
> needed to do the basic work.

Many white American kids have decided they are too good to be washing

dishes, moping restaurants, etc. But their parents don't want immigration. I've washed dishes and moped floors, didn't harm me one bit. Well, my back hurt until I got used to it, but that was it.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 00:45:48 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 09:10:10 +0000, Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> wrote:

> maus wrote:

>

>> Another good idea that I don't think has arrived in the US,

>> hireable bicycles.

>

> China isn't so sure they are a good idea (or at least not a good
> implementation)

>

> <<https://www.google.com/search?q=chinese+bicycle+mountains>>

Alabama has shut down one such company by legislation signed into law that designates them as taxis. Any one driving one has to have a taxi driver's license. Which is of course an absurdity.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 00:48:28 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On 10 Dec 2018 10:34:02 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-10, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>

> [26 lines snipped]

>

>> Wood pellets as a biofuel is increasing in use. Once we have the power

>> station then demand rises and it becomes economically viable to plant

>> trees as a crop. I have a couple of farms near me that have planted
>> willow on uneconomic boggy ground. They harvest the willow wands on a 3
>> year cycle for pelleting. It also has had the advantage of reducing
>> flooding and run off.
>> The whole tree is not cut, it just gets trimmed about a foot of the
>> ground and regrows more willow wands.
>
> This is called "pollarding", and is a technique that dates back to medieval
> times.
>
>> Some goes to basket weaving of all things. It seems to be a growing craft.
>
> A returning craft. Again, basket weaving is medieval.

Significantly older than that. Egyptians, Native Americans, people of
the Middle East, China, South east Asia, etc.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 00:55:01 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 19:05:17 GMT, scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal)
wrote:
> maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:
>> On 2018-12-10, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:
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>>>> > [37 lines snipped]
>>>> >
>>>> >>> In the UK, the economic case [for solar PV] simply isn't convincing enough.
>>>> >>
>>>> >> For some it clearly is.
>>>> >
>>>> > And they're welcome to it. I'll wait until there's a lot less hand-havey,
>>>> > thanks.
>>>>
>>>> Pioneers end up face down in the dirt with arrows in their backs.
>>>>

>>>> (Did Andy(?) install his own panels? If so, did he factor in the cost
>>>> of his own labour? I'd wager yes and no, respectively.)
>>>
>>> There's not a whole lot of labor involved, really. Took about 6 hours
>>> from driving up in the truck to flipping the breaker connecting the system to the
>>> grid.
>>>
>>
>> Until the next windy day.
>
> What does a windy day have to do with rooftop solar installation?

The solar panel becomes a sail. Taking the installer with it, if the
wind is high enough.

--
Jim

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>>>> >On 2018-12-07, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
>>>> >> On Thu, 6 Dec 2018 16:45:22 -0700, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com>
>>>> >> wrote:
>>>> >
>>>> >You are surely taking the p***.
>>>>
>>>> I'm unfamiliar with the terms you used. Okay, I looked that up. You
>>>> are mistaken.
>>>>
>>>> Geologists on the program said it was possible. They noticed a dip in
>>>> the Earth's gravity field at an area under the Antarctic ice sheet.
>>>> Further work, consisting of a radar flying over that area and mapping
>>>> it, showed hollows under the ice sheet.
>>>>
>>>> Their conclusion was that the voids are filled with water.
>>>>
>>>> Places like Lake Vostok
>>>> <https://www.ancient-code.com/hidden-world-antarctica-research>

hers-reveal-lies-beneath-ice/

>>>>

>>>> --

>>>> Jim

>>>

>>> Sorry, I was jesting, that work is well known. The Russians were planning
>>> to drill into that, but others pointed out that doing that would pollute
>>> it.

>>

>> Oh, a smily would have helped. They have the same problems as drilling
>> on Europa. How to do it without contamination ?

>>

>>

> Agreed. Back to Heisenberg?..

I don't need another scar. I'm ugly already.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 01:01:46 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 17:49:11 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
wrote:

> AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> writes:

>

>> On 08/12/2018 18:59, Dan Espen wrote:

>>

>>> Too bad we can't use leaves. Lots of them here in NJ.

>>

>> Best rake them up to prevent forest fires. They apparently rake the
>> forests in Finland to stop this, a fact that comes as a real surprise
>> to the Finns.

>

> Today's word is smocking, as in "smocking gun".

>

> It's nice when sentences with overwhelming cognitive dissonance also
> contain childish spelling errors repeated twice.

>

> You come away with a feeling I can't describe.

Actually, the orange haired one did use twitter to say 'smocking gun'.
He most likely, but maybe not, meant it without the c in 'smocking'.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 01:04:41 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 21:59:42 -0500, J. Clarke
<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:
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>>>> > There was a dispute between the UK and the Republic about a rock in the
>>>> > atlantic called 'Rockall', Nobody lives on it, nobody could live on it.
>>>>
>>>> There is also a rock between Greenland (which belongs to Denmark) and
>>>> Canada. Which now is not really important. But if the ice melts both
>>>> Denmark and Canada are interested to get the oil there. And were at least
>>>> engaged to rise their own flag on that island, while the other party came
>>>> to swap it with their own flag
>>>> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans_Island#Google_fight>.
>>>
>>> Yes, I have read of that before. I think that it is more that Greenland is
>>> associated with Denmark, rather than it belongs to it
>>
>> But Greenland must belong to some country, no?
>>
>>>> Imagine Canada and Denmark go to war. Both are parts of the NATO...
>>>
>>> Turkey and NATO??...
>>
>> Why do you bring up Turkey?
>>
>>> There was a thing about the UK and France going together to buy a
>>> 'previously loved' US aircraft carrier. In case of a war between the two
>>> , would France use the aircraft carrier to bomb the UK one day and The UK
>>> use it to bomb France the next?. "Catch 22", how are ye.
>>
>> But how likely is that the UK and France wage war?
>>

>> Although when in WWII France was about to be overrun by the Nazis the UK
>> asked France to surrender her warships. As France declined UK destroyers
>> shelled and sunk them, although France was an ally.

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> Which battle are you thinking of? The only record I can find of the
> British sinking French ships was Mers-El-Kebir which was mostly a
> battleship engagement in North Africa.

Yeah, I don't remember destroyers being mentioned there, except maybe
as a screen.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 01:14:59 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:21:59 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 10/12/2018 21:06, maus wrote:

>> I remember when WiFi was getting popular, a guy from around where ora.com is, wrote a
>> book on installing your own, (one variation was using Pringle tubes). After writing
>> the book, he slipped off a roof and was a long time recovering. Forget the name.

>

> As a radio amateur falling of roof is an ever present risk when setting
> up you own antennas. I know of a few people who have done it. Since
> radio tends to be skewed to the older gentleman demographic, shuffling
> about the roof or up a ladder has killed quite a few.

> However my Cantenna for wifi have always been low level. They work
> surprisingly well and all you to tap into wifi at quite a distance.

> I used a couple at home until plug in wifi repeaters became cheap and
> easy to use.

>

> ...and you get to eat the pringles to obtain the empty can.

I assembled my 1/4 wave verticle, a Hustler 5btv, then we took turns
pounding a steel pipe into the group. We carried it out, and we turned
it upright. While my realtive and his oldest sort of held it steady, I
U-bolted it to the pipe. Works great. And no roof to fall off of.

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Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 02:15:17 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 11 Dec 2018 18:50:09 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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> On 2018-12-11, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>>> On 2018-12-11, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>>>> On 11/12/2018 10:50, maus wrote:
>>>>
>>>> > They never changed. Driving from Dublin to Belfast, the first real notice
>>>> > that you are in a different country is the speed limits in MPH.
>>>>
>>>> My experience (although it may have changed) is that on driving from
>>>> Northern Ireland to the republic there were loads of petrol stations
>>>> just over the border to sell cheap petrol to the people from NI.
>>>>
>>>> So much nicer than passing through barricades and machine gun posts of old.
>>>>
>>>> Andy
>>>>
>>>>
>>> Years ago, a man called Martin O'Donoghue made a smart proposal, do
>>> away with car tax and raise the money by taxing fuel, the more you
>>> used, the more you paid. Everyone below a certain distance of the
>>> Border drove North (or South, in Donegal) to fill up.
>>>
>>
>> Shurely, even in a small island, this was a minuscule percentage of the
>> population. I saw today that gas in New Mexico is 20¢ less per gallon (or
>> so) than in Arizona, but I'm not going to drive over from Phoenix to fill
>> up.
>>
>
>
> I have heard of people in the US driving to the next state for various
> things.
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I live in CT and work in MA. There's usually a 20 cent or so difference in gas prices so I fill up in MA. It has been pointed out that if people are going to MA because the taxes are lower, CT has to be doing something wrong.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 02:16:57 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:03:51 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 11/12/2018 08:39, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
>> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:20:28 +0000
>> AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>>> Fun wins every time.
>>> Definition: Engineer, a person who will spend £100 to solve a £10 problem.
>>> :-)
>>
>> Damn busted! Still
>>
>> Designer: A person who will add £500 in decoration to the £100 solution of
>> a £10 problem.
>
> Designer: A person who will add £500 in decoration. The actual solution
> is optional.
>
> Marketing: A department that will add £500 to a solution for a problem
> that you never had but you bought it anyway.

Consulting: Finding a way to milk 40 years of payments out of a
problem that a smart child could have solved in 10 minutes.

>
>
> Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 02:25:36 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 11 Dec 2018 11:07:41 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-11, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>> On 10 Dec 2018 21:11:09 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>>> On 2018-12-10, Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> wrote:
>>>> Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> writes:
>>>> > 40 Years of the 'Fighter Mafia', An informal group begun by Col. John
>>>> > Boyd and mathematician Tom Christie calls for military reform--by doing
>>>> > more with less.

>>>> > <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/40-years-of-the-fighter-mafia/>
>>>>
>>>> re:
>>>> <http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#79> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
>>>> <http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#80> Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
>>>>
>>>> Boyd is also credited with the "left hook" land war battle plan for
>>>> Desert Storm ... Desert Storm was 42day, only last 100hrs was land
>>>> war. GAO Air Effectiveness study has A10 taking out Iraqi tanks so
>>>> easily that the Iraqi crews were walking away from the tanks as sitting
>>>> ducks ... A10 sort of had turkey shoot ... firing total of million 30mm
>>>> shells during Desert Storm. Land war description of fierce tank battles
>>>> with coalition forces taking no damage, don't mention if the Iraqi tanks
>>>> had anyboyd home. Burton's "Pentagon Wars" has him getting the cost of
>>>> 30mm shells down from >\$80 to \$13 (million shells, \$13m).
>>>
>>> The problem with many of those shells was that being filled with 'depleted
>>> uranium', the residue will be still killing people in many years time.m
>>
>> How will it be doing that? Do you know the LD50 for depleted uranium?
>> How will people get that much exposure?
>
> I rely on Iraqi sources, saying that children cancers are much higher
> than before GulfWarII.

About twice as much depleted uranium was used in Gulf War I as in Gulf War II, so that "much higher" claim seems suspect if it is supposed to be due to depleted uranium.

> I would also rely on stories that in training
> in the US, depleted uranium shot can only be fired under very limited
> ways, using ways that will not allow the DU to not get into the
> Atmosphere.

I would not rely on soldiers' stories for much of anything. I have heard too much bullshit from them.

> One of the other sad thing about the Iraqi invasion is the way that
> a large part of the resident Christian population had to flee, as the
> Muslims thought that they had some connection with the USA.

Or the lack of Saddam took the leash off of the extremists.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 02:26:51 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 11 Dec 2018 11:15:29 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-11, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On 10 Dec 2018 10:13:30 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>>

>>> On 2018-12-10, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>>>> On 09/12/2018 11:17, J. Clarke wrote:

>>>> > You seem to have a negative attitude toward Sitka Spruce. You might

>>>> > want to look into its history--during WWII, 7782 deHavilland

>>>> > Mosquitoes, widely regarded as the most versatile aircraft in the war

>>>> > and until jets came along the fastest in general service, were

>>>> > constructed of Sitka Spruce. Sitka Spruce was chosen because it has

>>>> > the highest strength-to-weight ratio of any commercial timber

>>>> > available at the time.

>>>>

>>>> Ahhh now there was an aircraft. The thing of beauty.

>>>>

>>>> Andy

>>>

>>> As opposed to the "Spruce Goose?"

>>

>> If the war had still been on, Hughes would probably have gotten a

>> production contract and it might have seen a good bit of service, but

>> no, it didn't have the versatility of the Mosquito.

>

>

> If I remember the story correctly, Hughes would get a lot of his money

> back _if_ the plane ever flew at all. With a great amount of effort, it did

> get into the air for a few moments, then was towed away to storage.

Wasn't all that much effort. Hughes opened the throttle, pulled back on the yoke, and up it went.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 02:28:07 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:48:58 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 11/12/2018 03:30, J. Clarke wrote:

>
>> Around here the installed cost of a 4KW array is about \$15,000 and
>> that does not include another \$3000-5000 to take down several trees
>> which would be necessary if it was to be effective.
>>
>> I suspect I could make more off of that amount of money by investing
>> it in the right securities.
>
> It is never going to be a one size fits all but if it works for you then
> fine otherwise fine.
> I keep getting people telling me that solar does not work despite the
> fact that it works fine for me.
> I have a friend who lives mostly off grid and has his own solar thermal
> system, solar PV and wind generator and battery set up yet people will
> patiently explain to him that solar and wind do not work despite the
> fact that he has been off grid for about 4 years when a storm took out
> his power line and he agreed with the electricity company to not bother
> fixing it.
> He also has log burners and a pelleted wood central heating system.

So solar alone is _not_ working for him. If it was he wouldn't need
log burners or a pelleted wood central heating system.

>
> Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 04:38:56 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 21:28:07 -0500
J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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Electricity alone does not work for most people, nearly everyone
burns something for heat be it wood, coal, gas or oil.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith | Directable Mirror Arrays
C:>WIN | A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see
You lose and Bill collects. | <http://www.sohara.org/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 07:25:32 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 11/12/2018 19:46, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

> On 2018-12-11, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> Here in Canada just north of the U.S. border, some people drive across
> for cheap fuel. IMHO the saving isn't worth the time spent getting
> through customs each way (not to mention the fuel you burn on the way).
>

It doesn't have to make sense.

In the 70s my father used to drive around all the petrol stations in town looking for the cheapest. He invariably would burn more fuel than he ever saved.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 07:27:40 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 11/12/2018 20:14, Dan Espen wrote:

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Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 07:36:24 GMT

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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 12/12/2018 02:28, J. Clarke wrote:

> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:48:58 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
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Nice straw man, or is it goalpost shifting? Never too sure on the overlap.
I don't think I made the claim that solar would fill all your needs.

Solar works for his electricity needs and solar thermal to top off his
heat store. In the event of there not being enough sun then wind usually
tops off his thermal store and failing that he has log burners and
pelletized wood for boost heat.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 09:46:15 GMT
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On 2018-12-11, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>>> British sinking French ships was Mers-El-Kebir which was mostly a
>>> battleship engagement in North Africa.

>>

>> That was surely what he meant. There were a lot of French sailors killed
>> and the French are still sore about it.
>
> Yes, although I could not recall where it happened. It also seems,
> regarding <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attack_on_Mers-el-K%C3%A9bir>,
> that it was an air attack, not by Navy ships as I thought.

There was never much information on that time, The British were never proud of their behaviour. Another thing, it has recently come out that the British government were very slow in telling their French allies that that they were pulling their Army back to England, via Dunkirk.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 09:49:08 GMT
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On 2018-12-12, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
> Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:
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>>
>
> It's probably worthwhile if combined with other stuff on the trip.
>

or if you are in a State job, and are on strike. Some of the teachers here were on strike a few years ago, and there were remarks on the amount of people (teachery-looking) shopping in Newry.

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Maus@ireland.com

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 09:56:29 GMT
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>

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 13:22:30 GMT

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Originally posted by: Kerr-Mudd,John

On Wed, 12 Dec 2018 09:58:33 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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There's a dire lot of old fogeys in the silversurfers NG.

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Bah, and indeed, Humbug.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [scott](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 14:12:13 GMT

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JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> writes:

> On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 19:05:17 GMT, scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal)

> wrote:

>>> Until the next windy day.

>>

>> What does a windy day have to do with rooftop solar installation?

>

> The solar panel becomes a sail. Taking the installer with it, if the
> wind is high enough.

So does a sheet of plywood (which has a much larger surface area than the 6 sq ft of a solar panel); yet people build houses on windy days.

Wind is not a concern for solar installers, unless it reaches Force status.

BTW - Modern solar panels weigh very little, less than 10 #.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 15:54:52 GMT
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I had electric installed in a bungalow and my MIL used it for years. Before installation I had to insulate the entire place. Worked fine, she paid the bills on SS without ever coming to me for more money.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: this means war, was Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [John Levine](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 22:13:56 GMT

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In article <87in022xg0.fsf@usenet.ankman.de>,
Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>> atlantic called 'Rockall', Nobody lives on it, nobody could live on it.

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Machias Seal Island off the coast of Maine is claimed by both the US
and Canada. Canada built a lighthouse in 1832 which is the only one
in Canada that still has on-site keepers.

It's surrounded by lobsters, or has been in the past. The ambiguity
about who's in charge means that nobody enforces quotas and the area
is badly overfished.

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Regards,

John Levine, johnl@iecc.com, Primary Perpetrator of "The Internet for Dummies",
Please consider the environment before reading this e-mail. <https://jl.ly>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 12 Dec 2018 22:30:15 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Wed, 12 Dec 2018 16:38:12 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 18:29:31 -0600, JimP wrote:

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>> On Sun, 09 Dec 2018 16:37:51 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

>>>

>>> Imagine Canada and Denmark go to war. Both are parts of the NATO...

>>

>> Turkey and Greece are also part of NATO. They ave gone to war before

>> using ships, etc. given to them as part of their NATO gear.

>

> Okay, I should had added "democratic". While is Greece (on my opinion is)

> is Turkey ruled by a dictator.

The Navy ship I was stationed on went there several times during the military junta last century. After got back to the states one time, I saw the movie Z. It was about a reporter who was killed back then.

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Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 02:18:52 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Wed, 12 Dec 2018 07:36:24 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 12/12/2018 02:28, J. Clarke wrote:
>> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 10:48:58 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
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>>> It is never going to be a one size fits all but if it works for you then
>>> fine otherwise fine.
>>> I keep getting people telling me that solar does not work despite the
>>> fact that it works fine for me.
>>> I have a friend who lives mostly off grid and has his own solar thermal
>>> system, solar PV and wind generator and battery set up yet people will
>>> patiently explain to him that solar and wind do not work despite the
>>> fact that he has been off grid for about 4 years when a storm took out
>>> his power line and he agreed with the electricity company to not bother
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> Solar works for his electricity needs and solar thermal to top off his
> heat store. In the event of there not being enough sun then wind usually
> tops off his thermal store and failing that he has log burners and
> pelleted wood for boost heat.

Which is fine if he's in an area where logs and pelleted wood are cheaper than the alternatives.

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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 03:31:08 GMT
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Posted by [Richard Thiebaud](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 05:00:40 GMT
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On 12/12/18 9:57 PM, Dave Garland wrote:
> On 12/12/2018 8:13 PM, J. Clarke wrote:
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> Most people do not need electricity for heat or cooking (except for the
> trivial amounts used for circulation, igniters, and control systems, or
> where "heating" means a heat pump). The only people I have known in the
> last 50 years who used electricity for heat or cooking are people living
> in relatively new apartment buildings that were built as cheaply as
> possible by scumbag developers (or in the case of cooking, buildings
> intended for elderly tenants, to minimize the risk). Natural gas or
> propane are better and cheaper throughout most of the US, though in some
> circumstances wood wins for heating on cost grounds. (And while wood is
> not particularly "green", it is renewable.)
>
> It's true that there are parts of the world where gas is not a practical
> option.
A lot of the houses in my part of Pennsylvania are all-electric for
heating and cooking. They were build in the 1950's when electricity was
cheap.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 05:53:10 GMT
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On 2018-12-13, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> If you're getting 10% of your energy from solar and 90% by burning
> something and everyone else does the same then the sky is still going
> to fall.

Likewise, if you're getting 90% of your energy from solar and
you bring in 10 times as many people (or each person uses 10
times as much, or any suitable combination of the two), the sky
is also still going to fall.

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)

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Posted by [Bob Martin](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 06:32:35 GMT

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> On 2018-12-11, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:>> On 11 Dec 2018 10:34:09
GMT, maus wrote:

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>>> On 2018-12-11, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>>>> On Mon, 10 Dec 2018 17:15:51 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>>>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>>>> >Although when in WWII France was about to be overrun by the Nazis the UK
>>>> >asked France to surrender her warships. As France declined UK destroyers
>>>> >shelled and sunk them, although France was an ally.

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>>>> Which battle are you thinking of? The only record I can find of the
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>> that it was an air attack, not by Navy ships as I thought.

I can't think how you got that impression, it was definitely a naval operation.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 07:41:43 GMT
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Originally posted by: AndyW

On 13/12/2018 03:31, J. Clarke wrote:

> On Wed, 12 Dec 2018 21:45:12 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
> wrote:

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....but almost every single person who has made a positive change to their energy use has started with an intention. At least they try, maybe they failed but at least they tried.

Aphorisms mean never having to do the thinking, just recycle something vaguely appropriate and declare victory.

Andy

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 09:33:00 GMT
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On 2018-12-12, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 18:29:31 -0600, JimP wrote:

>>

>> On Sun, 09 Dec 2018 16:37:51 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

>> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>>> Imagine Canada and Denmark go to war. Both are parts of the NATO...

>>

>> Turkey and Greece are also part of NATO. They ave gone to war before

>> using ships, etc. given to them as part of their NATO gear.

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> Okay, I should had added "democratic". While is Greece (on my opinion is)

> is Turkey ruled by a dictator.

There was an election within the last year in Turkey, which the 'dictator' won. Unusual for a dictator. (All I know is that there were a lot of posters up, with what seemed to be differing parties names on them)

Reported by a younger person who was on holiday there.

The man is a little aggravated because a US-based group tried a coup

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

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Electric car parked permanently in front, civilian humvee for to get places. (Actually, a Merc, I cannot imagine how anyone could drive a Humvee along a ordinary road)

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 10:12:46 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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In a word - no. I use electricity for cooking, lighting and so on
but for heating I use wood pellets made from sustainable forestry which is
a carbon neutral source of heat. If the grid power generation were to be
carbon neutral then my home would be with no more effort from me. Transport
is another matter.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith | Directable Mirror Arrays
C:\>WIN | A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
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We had electric in NY and it was OK. We could close off rooms we didn't use
and keep the heat lower in rooms not used as much.

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Pete

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 12:57:01 GMT
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Posted by [scott](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 13:58:27 GMT

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Rather than parroting propoganda from the coal industry, why not actually do the research to back up (or refute) your statement (which while partially true a decade ago, is not at all true today).

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 14:03:56 GMT
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Originally posted by: Kerr-Mudd,John

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And you're just carping from the sidelines; doing less than nothing to help.

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Bah, and indeed, Humbug.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 15:59:02 GMT

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Originally posted by: songbird

Scott Lurndal wrote:

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we are improving, but not fast enough, i still like to see
it as compared to hiding heads in the sand:

<https://emissionsindex.org/#chart-3-view-1>

songbird

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 16:23:31 GMT

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Sophia, last i saw a picture of her, still looks good. Like a lot of Italian women.

To a Wonkie, this particular thread might be homophobic. (Rock Hudson?)

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Maus@ireland.com
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<https://dilbert.com/stip/2007-06-20>

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Thu, 13 Dec 2018 21:49:59 GMT

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It also depends on where you live. In Canada with a snow cover from December to March (and higher in the north) you get less out of solar than say in Texas. Where people panic, when they only see one snowflake.

But even for Canada solar helps, as I mentioned when the guy I know in Toronto broke even after seven years (cost of the panels and installation) after he installed them. Now he pays little for grid electricity and might even feed back surplus into the grid and gets paid for.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments

<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

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| The combined air-and-sea attack was conducted by the Royal Navy after

| France had signed armistices with Germany and Italy that came into

| effect on 25 June.

You are right and the air attacks were merely a support.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments

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On Thu, 13 Dec 2018 07:41:43 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 13/12/2018 03:31, J. Clarke wrote:
>> On Wed, 12 Dec 2018 21:45:12 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
>> wrote:
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>>> They mean well, which appears to be more than you can muster.
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>> The road to Hell is paved with good intentions.
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> ...but almost every single person who has made a positive change to
> their energy use has started with an intention. At least they try, maybe
> they failed but at least they tried.
>
> Aphorisms mean never having to do the thinking, just recycle something
> vaguely appropriate and declare victory.

The problem is that people who make symbolic gestures and go on and on and on about how virtuous they're being lead others to think that that symbolic gesture is sufficient. If IPCC is right and if we're going to keep the sky from falling we have to do a _lot_ more than what you're describing. And we need the avant garde to actually start showing how to do it.

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Subject: [OT] au-tomation

Posted by [Ivan Shmakov](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2018 13:10:41 GMT

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>>>> > maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:

>>>> > On 2018-12-11, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

>>>> > On 10/12/2018 23:57, Joy Beeson wrote:

>>> It's been going on for decades, but I'm still gobsmacked when I see
>>> tomatoes picked by combines going to the cannery in dump trucks.

>> The downside to this is that the tomatoes have been bred for the
>> ability to survive the automated handling and flavour goes out the
>> window. Commercial tomatoes are bred for resilience and long shelf
>> life to maximise profit.

The vast majority, by weight, of the tomatoes I eat come in glass jars, in the form where the survival of, well, form becomes rather irrelevant. (Similarly for squashes, carrots and, to a lesser extent, aubergines.) Makes me wonder what, if anything, those are bred for.

[...]

> I also heard that in 'improving' the breeds of tomato, somebody bred
> one that grew into a cube.

Reminds me of that Green Acres episode...

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FSF associate member #7257 <http://am-1.org/~ivan/>

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old thread in comp.arch (weight classified as commercial vehicle
qualifying for tax break, but "illegal" on residential streets)
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2006s.html#13>

longer discussion in a.f.c. (mentioning heavy buses allowed on
residential streets not built for such loads)
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2006h.html#6>

more recent a.f.c. reference
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2017e.html#0>

referencing article from 2004
[http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/hey_wait_a_m
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son-in-law was in Fallujah 2004-2005

<https://www.amazon.com/Ghosts-Fallujah-Coley-D-Tyler-ebook/dp/B07J2DWWWD/>
and then back again 2007-2008 in Baqubah (described as worse than fallujah). Abrams M1 flat bottom and extremely vulnerable to IEDs (lots of armor above ground, but flat bottom and little "blast" resistance) ... that they took to running routes before taking Abrams out for drive.

<https://www.amazon.com/Battle-Baqubah-1SG-Robert-Colella/dp/1469791064/>

he was foot patrol in Fallujah ... but had Bradley M2A3 in Baqubah ... talked about losing so many Bradleys that they were eventually getting mothballed Bradley "DS" (desert storm) as replacements ... except he kept jerry rigging repairs for his M2A3, in part because it had more modern communication/electronics.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/M2_Bradley#M2A3

Longer discussions

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2015f.html#43>

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2015g.html#78>

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018d.html#96>

Much of Burton's "Pentagon Wars" is about getting lots of fixes for the original Bradley, saving large number of lives (the people he was fighting for the fixes, got promotions and he got forced retirement).

Recent Burton reference upthread

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#81>

pentagon wars

<https://www.amazon.com/Pentagon-Wars-Reformers-Challenge-Guard-ebook/dp/B00HXY969W/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Pentagon_Wars

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It's not too difficult or uncommon. All you need are ways to ensure
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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)
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/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

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original hummer H1 quoted from 2004 slate article at 10,300

How Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) Works, humvees
<https://auto.howstuffworks.com/auto-parts/towing/towing-capacity/vehicle%20gvwr13.htm>

H2 still 8600, H3 reduced to 6000 from above:

2006
H1:10300
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H3: 5850
2007
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2008
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GMC GVWR 4850-9700
<https://auto.howstuffworks.com/auto-parts/towing/towing-capacity/vehicle%20gvwr11.htm>
Ford GVWR 4300-14,500
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F450 was 14,500 in 2008, reduced to 10,100 in 2009

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> are people living in relatively new apartment buildings that were

> built as cheaply as possible by scumbag developers (or in the case of

> cooking, buildings intended for elderly tenants, to minimize the

> risk). Natural gas or propane are better and cheaper throughout most

> of the US, though in some circumstances wood wins for heating on cost

> grounds. (And while wood is not particularly "green", it is renewable.)

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> It's true that there are parts of the world where gas is not a

> practical option.

Well, all of the places I have lived used electricity for heating and cooking. The current realtive's house hasn't had gas heating and cooking for decades. I doubt it ever did, and its not new.

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Jim

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Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2018 19:30:10 GMT
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<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#89>
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#90>

original Hummer H1 production 1992-2006
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hummer_H1

they started doing more consumer friendly with H2 & H3

H2, 2002-2009
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hummer_H2
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2018 20:28:23 GMT
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Opinions offered on any subject:

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2018 21:39:14 GMT
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On Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 7:57:01 AM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:
> We had electric in NY and it was OK. We could close off rooms we didn't use
> and keep the heat lower in rooms not used as much.

We have electric heat. Not bad. We don't have gas service.

In the past, the electric company gave us a discount for having electric heat. The electric company has to have capacity to supply air conditioning in the summer--that is their big demand. So, in the winter, that capacity wasn't used.

However, in more recent years, many people have gotten heat pumps and the capacity is more utilized. Also, heat pumps HVAC contractors busy as they need service.

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Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheeler](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2018 21:58:13 GMT

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Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> writes:

- > referencing article from 2004
- > http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/hey_wait_a_minute/2004/08/californias_suv_ban.html
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The slate 2004 article talks about over 6,000gvwr trucks being prohibited (with limited exceptions) on most residential streets.

current City of LA webpage about residential limitation on trucks

> 6000gvwr

<https://ladot.lacity.org/what-we-do/operations/neighborhood-services/trucks-residential-streets>

class2 gvwr 6001-10000, class3 gvwr 10000-14000

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commercial_vehicle

HUMMER H1 10,300, production 1992-2006

a little more consumer friendly (but both still >6000)

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2018 22:42:02 GMT

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On Friday, December 14, 2018 at 2:20:22 AM UTC-7, maus wrote:

> I think that the war was a reason that Roosevelt was allowed to run
> the last time.

The war was probably a reason why the Democrats broke with a longstanding tradition, yes. But "allowed" is a bit strong, given that the Constitutional amendment came later.

John Savard

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Fri, 14 Dec 2018 23:04:18 GMT

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75% less energy usage for equivalent lumens is trivial?

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Most rational thinkers believe that a mix of generation sources are required for very obvious reasons. Nobody with 4 brain cells believes that solar and wind alone can supplant all existing generation; however, they can supplant a very significant fraction of it (Germany is a good example at 38% from renewables, and increasing significantly each of the last three years).

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That's not accurate either. The subsidies kick-start the industries and then fade out. Solar is a classic example, as prices have dropped considerably. Likewise the subsidies for Teslas have been cut now that they can produce vehicles for less, and people are still buying them without the subsidy incentive.

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>>> The solutions are:

>>>
>>> Manual typewriters.
>>> Hand-cranked duplicators.
>>> Public transit.
>>> More people in high density housing.
>>>
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 05:09:10 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 11:05:38 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 11/12/2018 10:04, Huge wrote:
>> On 2018-12-11, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
>>> On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:20:28 +0000
>>> AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:
>>>
>>>> On 10/12/2018 12:03, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:
>>>>
>>>>> I know - but you can get flat plate up to 70-80C too it just
>>>>> loses more heat so you need more area to compensate. It's a trade off
>>>>> between efficiency and cost/fun. I'm planning four 8'x4' panels in the
>>>>> wall (12 m^2), I could probably use less than half that with vacuum
>>>>> tubes to similar effect but the design is very cheap and if it's not
>>>>> good enough I can always change it around later.
>>>>>
>>>>> Fun wins every time.
>>>>> Definition: Engineer, a person who will spend £100 to solve a £10 problem.
>>>>> :-)
>>>>
>>>> Damn busted! Still

>>>

>>> Designer: A person who will add £500 in decoration to the £100 solution of
>>> a £10 problem.

>>

>> Businessperson: Someone who charges £1500 for the end result.

>

> Consultant: Someone borrows your watch to tell you the time and then
> bills you for it.

... and keeps the watch.

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 08:13:46 GMT

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On 2018-12-14, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com < Hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com > wrote:

> On Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 8:16:01 PM UTC-5, J. Clarke wrote:

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>> The problem is that people who make symbolic gestures and go on and on
>> and on about how virtuous they're being lead others to think that that
>> symbolic gesture is sufficient. If IPCC is right and if we're going
>> to keep the sky from falling we have to do a _lot_ more than what
>> you're describing. And we need the avant garde to actually start
>> showing how to do it.

>

> Yes, in my area the kids make a big deal about replacing incandescent
> light bulbs with FLD or LED. Big deal--the energy savings are trivial.

>

> No one wants to look at the numbers or true economics of energy.

>

> A big problem with alternative energy sources, like wind and solar,
> is that they simply don't have enough capacity to meet full demand.
> Secondly, they are intermittent sources. Third, they are very
> expensive and basically exist due to tax subsidies, govt grants,
> or special rates.

>

> In my area, someone with solar panels gets well paid by the
> power company. But that is false economy--the power company
> has the burden of maintaining a distribution network and
> administration which the individual does not have. The pure
> cost of power would be about half, and that's what donors
> should get.

>

- > As to the general public, the reality is that no one wants to
- > give up any modern convenience. Nobody will return to manual
- > typewriters cutting a mimeo or spirit stencil to run on a
- > handcranked duplicator. Few are willing to return to using
- > public transit. Few are willing to live in high density
- > housing. Suburban sprawl, for the most part, still remains
- > king and that his horribly energy inefficient.
- >
- > I ain't giving up my a/c.
- >
- > Growing up, I lived in a city rowhouse and the suburbs weren't
- > very crowded back then. Indeed, the old suburbs were still mostly
- > dense and still served by transit. Indeed, today, a lot of
- > companies have suburban offices not well served by transit,
- > which forces people to drive.
- >
- >

Me Too.

One of my daughters works in a city-center building, gets the train into the terminus, cycles the remaining distance. Suddenly city-center business's are moving to suburban business parks, so from the city center, she will have to take tram back out to it, and is lucky that the tram passes a managable distance away.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 08:17:41 GMT

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On 2018-12-15, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Fri, 14 Dec 2018 20:42:16 -0700, Peter Flass

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 08:24:12 GMT

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On 2018-12-14, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-14, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

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>> On 2018-12-14, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

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>>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

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> There are also other methods (e.g. gerrymandering) that can help ensure
> the "correct" result.

>

> Proportional representation is seen as a threat by many politicians;

> they have centuries of experience manipulating the first-past-the-post

> system and would rather not give that up.

>

I am amazed at the use of computer-like machines at US elections.

They were tried here once. Nora Owens, a fairly popular politician,
was knocked out first count. Last I heard, the government was looking
for tenders to have them put into landfill.

(The ones bought by the government had a lot of 'problems', mostly
caused by poor specifications.)

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Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 08:31:48 GMT

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On 2018-12-15, Bill Findlay <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>> On 2018-12-14, Bill Findlay <findlaybill@blueyonder.co.uk> wrote:

>>> On 13 Dec 2018 16:23:31 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>>>> >

>>>> > To a Wonkie, this particular thread might be homophobic. (Rock Hudson?)

>>>

>>> Dear maus, what is a "Wonkie"?

>>>

>>

>> A Wonkie, a word of my invention, is someone who calls someone else 'Dear'.
>
> Like my aunt, for example?
>

I don't know your Aunt. She can call me 'Dear' anytime.

(I have a template for a latex file, and the greeting used to be 'Dear Sir/Madan', so when I mostly retired, and wanted a greeting for personal letters, I had a problem, how do you start a letter to a married woman, saying 'Dear Susan'. Seems odd.

My usual authority for such things is Jane Austen, but I can't find any mention of her Latex Templates :))))))

:)

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Steve O'Hara-Smith	Directable Mirror Arrays
C:\>WIN	A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins.	licences available see
You lose and Bill collects.	http://www.sohara.org/

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 10:30:08 GMT

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On 2018-12-15, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

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Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 10:49:02 GMT
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A sales director at a PPOE once signed-off a letter 'Yours sicnerely'

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What is your objection to mention of Hitler? If you are going to say something about "Godwin's Law" then you might want to research that topic in more detail than you apparently have, first.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 14:46:17 GMT
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There were floods in Northern Italy recently, the radio presenter asked the reporter, "Is this a Sign of Global Warming."

The reporter answered, "No, its called Winter, and drainage pipes full of leaves."

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Pete

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 17:55:58 GMT
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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 18:12:53 GMT

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 19:27:33 GMT
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Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:

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As if I have to.

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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 19:29:51 GMT

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It most certainly has in one political party.
Nation wide we are barely hanging on.

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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 19:47:21 GMT
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Which one would that be? If you mean Obama, I didn't notice him doing anything much that wasn't stupid. He might have followed the agenda that you wanted him to follow but that just means that he will stupidly do whatever is popular.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [hancock4](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 19:51:10 GMT

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 19:54:42 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 15 Dec 2018 18:52:07 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

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Don't look now but the guy in charge is not just dumb as a Twitter user, he is a Twitter user.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 19:58:33 GMT
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On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 14:29:51 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

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>>>> > On 2018-12-15, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
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>>>> >> On 15 Dec 2018 08:31:48 GMT
>>>> >> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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>>>> >>> 'Dear Sir/Madan'
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>>>> >> I think there should be an m in there - 'Dear Sir/Madman' perhaps.
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>>>> > Just wondering when the British Army takes over in the UK..
>>>> > Imagine, martial (or Marital? :)) music is played on BBC, an neverbefore
>>>> > seen person with lotsa medals comes on camera, and reads a prepared script.
>>>> >
>>>> > "My fellow citizens. yaddo, yaddo"
>>>> >
>>>> > Everything seems possible at the moment, even the above happening in the US.
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The other political party isn't doing any better. Both are just creating a more and more and more complicated and expensive morass of government that accomplishes little and what it does accomplish it accomplishes expensively and inefficiently.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [hancock4](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 20:04:07 GMT

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On Friday, December 14, 2018 at 6:16:26 PM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:

>> Yes, in my area the kids make a big deal about replacing incandescent
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> 75% less energy usage for equivalent lumens is trivial?

First, the equivalent lumens isn't true--they skimp on that.
Second, in _home_ use, lighting energy consumption isn't all that significant in the grand scheme of things.

In commercial use, they use a lot more power for lighting, but they've already been using fluorescent for decades and even there modern lamps are more efficient. Indeed, in old buildings, hallway and restroom lights were incandescent and were converted to fluorescent.

>> A big problem with alternative energy sources, like wind and solar,
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> Most rational thinkers believe that a mix of generation sources
> are required for very obvious reasons. Nobody with 4 brain
> cells believes that solar and wind alone can supplant all existing
> generation; however, they can supplant a very significant fraction
> of it (Germany is a good example at 38% from renewables, and increasing
> significantly each of the last three years).

Well, a lot of environmentalists apparently have less than 4 brain cells because they push hard to close traditional power plants. They think _all_ needs can be supplied by wind and solar.

>
>> Secondly, they are intermittent sources. Third, they are very
>> expensive and basically exist due to tax subsidies, govt grants,
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> That's not accurate either. The subsidies kick-start the industries

- > and then fade out. Solar is a classic example, as prices have
- > dropped considerably. Likewise the subsidies for Teslas have been
- > cut now that they can produce vehicles for less, and people are still buying them
- > without the subsidy incentive.

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- >
- > And around here (PG&E), homes with solar pay a flat monthly fee (\$10.00)
- > to the power company for that distribution network maintenance regardless
- > of how much energy was produced or consumed. This
- > can be offset by overproduction at the annual true-up, but none-the-less,
- > solar customers are still paying to support the infrastructure
- > (not to mention PG&E only pay three cents a Kwh if you overproduce,
- > and they're selling it to someone else for a quarter or more).

In my area the solar customers get a subsidy. The true costs are masked. Meanwhile, the power company still must bear the capital costs of building and maintaining plants and distribution.

Modern policy has hit the traditional power companies hard. As a result, they've cut back on maintenance. Power failures take longer to repair, and they're not as well equipped to deal with big outages. They fail to due to preventive maintenance. For instance, in my area, they used to trim trees back away from their lines every year. Now they only do that every five years. As a result even minor storms result in failures since tree limbs fall on the lines. It takes a long time to repair.

Further, the national grid is being used in ways never intended, making it far more vulnerable to massive failure. Given population growth, it needs a lot of expansion and modernization which it isn't getting.

Power stability is especially tricky since power is hard to store. If something major happens, it can quickly cascade.

I think in NYC Con Ed wanted to install local turbines as a supplement. Good idea. But the environmentalists fought it.

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 20:08:26 GMT
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On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 3:13:47 AM UTC-5, maus wrote:
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- > One of my daughters works in a city-center building, gets the train into
- > the terminus, cycles the remaining distance. Suddenly city-center
- > business's are moving to suburban business parks, so from the city
- > center, she will have to take tram back out to it, and is
- > lucky that the tram passes a manageable distance away.

That is a big trend in the U.S. The problem is that the suburban office parks are often not near transit facilities, and making multiple connections is time consuming and undesirable.

In my area, a few folks bike to work after the train. The problem is that that isn't much fun in lousy weather, such as rain, snow, high heat, or cold.

Also, suburban parks are often on major highways with no safe bike access.

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 20:12:37 GMT
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Personally I don't have a problem with recycling cans, but they want me to wash them first and I do have an objection to spending my free time washing trash to make the government happy.

Further, there's the matter of what can and can't be recycled. Like you can recycle corrugated board except you can't recycle pizza boxes. You can recycle plastic that has a recycling mark on it unless it's styrofoam. They've given up on recycling light bulbs, they're either regular trash or hazardous waste, and if they're hazardous waste you have to take them to the hazardous waste facility that's only open 4 hours a month.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 20:44:51 GMT
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brings up Dunning-Kruger effect

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dunning%E2%80%93Kruger_effect

a little more drift ... The Black Swan: Second Edition: The Impact of the Highly Improbable

[https://www.amazon.com/Black-Swan-Second-Improbable-Incerto-ebook/dp/B00139XTG4/loc5282-85:](https://www.amazon.com/Black-Swan-Second-Improbable-Incerto-ebook/dp/B00139XTG4/loc5282-85)

The strangest thing is that people in business usually agree with me when they listen to me talk or hear me make my case. But when they go to the office the next day they revert to the Gaussian tools so entrenched in their habits. Their minds are domain-dependent, so they can exercise critical thinking at a conference while not doing so in the office.

.... snip ...

I noticed something similar (but different) when wandering around Somers in the early 90s, having discussions agreeing about the major changes needed in IBM ... and then go back a few weeks/months later and nothing had changed (or even attempted).

loc5298-5300:

Unbeknownst to me, 1987 was not the first time the idea of the Gaussian

was shown to be lunacy. Mandelbrot proposed the scalable to the economics establishment around 1960, and showed them how the Gaussian curve did not fit prices then.

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periodically described as resigned in "protest"
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benoit_Mandelbrot

Mandelbrot left IBM in 1987, after 35 years and 12 days, when IBM decided to end pure research in his division.[24] He joined the Department of Mathematics at Yale, and obtained his first tenured post in 1999, at the age of 75.[25] At the time of his retirement in 2005, he was Sterling Professor of Mathematical Sciences.

.... snip ...

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Benoit_Mandelbrot#Randomness_in_financial_markets

Mandelbrot saw financial markets as an example of "wild randomness", characterized by concentration and long range dependence. He developed several original approaches for modelling financial fluctuations.[18] In his early work, he found that the price changes in financial markets did not follow a Gaussian distribution, but rather Lévy stable distributions having infinite variance. He found, for example, that cotton prices followed a Lévy stable distribution with parameter α equal to 1.7 rather than 2 as in a Gaussian distribution. "Stable" distributions have the property that the sum of many instances of a random variable follows the same distribution but with a larger scale parameter.[19]

.... snip ...

In 1999, I was asked to help try and prevent the coming economic mess. Claims that some investment bankers had walked away "clean" from S&L crises, where then running Internet IPO mills (invest a few million, hype, IPO for a few billion, should then fail leaving field clear for the next round) and were predicted to get into securitized mortgages next. Leading up to the economic mess imploding, articles were appearing trying to lay the blame on computer models and risk managers. The risk managers were saying that the business people forced them to fiddle the inputs until they got the outputs they wanted (garbage-in, garbage-out).

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virtualization experience starting Jan1968, online at home since Mar1970

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The Irish poet, Yeats,

"The Second coming"

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

Surely some revelation is at hand;
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
When a vast image out of Spiritus Mundi

Troubles my sight: somewhere in sands of the desert
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.
The darkness drops again; but now I know
That twenty centuries of stony sleep
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Fri, 14 Dec 2018 14:30:14 -0600, Dave Garland
<dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:

> On 12/14/2018 1:19 PM, JimP wrote:

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>> Well, all of the places I have lived used electricity for heating and
>> cooking. The current relative's house hasn't had gas heating and
>> cooking for decades. I doubt it ever did, and it's not new.

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> Huh. Maybe a regional difference? My experience is in the Northeast
> and upper Midwest. Everywhere I've been, the advantage of electric was
> lower initial cost, at the expense of much higher operating cost. The
> older places often started as coal (or sometimes oil) heat, which (if
> it was central heat) provided the ductwork or plumbing to swap a gas
> furnace or boiler in. I do know a very few who heat with wood, but
> that's an isolated rural thing. For heating, electric might make sense
> in hotter areas, where you don't need much heat.

Couldn't be too local as it is what I have seen in California, Texas,
Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia, Tennessee, and Maryland.

I know some folks who live away from town in those southern states,

and they mostly use propane.

Of course, aboard ship we used steam in radiators for heat, and cold water in the same radiators for cooling.

I saw oil fired heat in Maine. And we were put in lower level base housing in Maryland that used coal. I don't remember air conditioning. The houses were originally WW2 BOQ, bachelor officer quarters, turned into one family houses. They were prefabs. That would have been early 1960s.

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Jim

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Really? Isn't scouts really aimed at 11-17 year olds then (with

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Andy Leighton => andyl@azaal.plus.com

"We demand rigidly defined areas of doubt and uncertainty!"

- Douglas Adams

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 21:03:17 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 12:55:58 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

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>>>> > On 15 Dec 2018 08:31:48 GMT

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>>>>

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Oh Indeed. President Obama is highly intelligent.

Or did you mean the orange haired buffon ?

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Jim

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments
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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 21:08:44 GMT
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Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 21:13:38 GMT
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Anne & Lynn Wheeler <lynn@garlic.com> writes:

> other Boyd references:
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> John Boyd - USAF, The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of Air Warfare
> <http://www.aviation-history.com/airmen/boyd.htm>
> John Boyd's Art of War; Why our greatest military theorist
> only made colonel.
> <http://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/john-boyds-art-of-war/>
> Genghis John - Chuck Spinney's Bio of John Boyd
> [http://radio-weblogs.com/0107127/stories/2002/12/23/genghisJ
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recent: The F-16 Fighting Falcon: A Creation Of The 'Lightweight Fighter Mafia'

<https://www.avgeekery.com/the-f-16-fighting-falcon-a-creation-of-the-lightweight-fighter-mafia/>

We don't want to give away the good stuff but perhaps the most interesting bit of info involves a famous pilot's scientific approach to air combat and his formation, along with other scientists and researchers, of the Lightweight Fighter Mafia. You'll need to watch to find out more (don't worry; this won't be on the test.)

.... snip ...

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 21:17:35 GMT

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Except when the glass is light bulbs or window glass or mirrors or
anything else, and then they won't take the lids that are made of the
same material as the cans.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 21:33:37 GMT

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<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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More likely it's to put money in the pockets of the light bulb manufacturers.

Don't attribute to virtue that which can be adequately explained by greed.,

And the reduction in CO2 emissions is negligible.

Residential energy use:

Air conditioning 17%

Space heating 15%

Water heating 14%

Lighting 10%

TVs and related 7%

Refrigerators 7%

Clothes dryers 5%

Itemized other uses 12% (I won't list them all here)

"Not elsewhere classified" 13%

A 100 watt incandescent is replaced by a 14 watt LED--saving there is potentially, if _all_ domestic lighting is incandescent takes the total down from 10% to 1.4%.

I'm sorry, but that's peeing in the ocean.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 21:34:30 GMT

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Not in our office. We've learned to wave periodically at the sensor
so that the lights don't turn out.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 22:43:13 GMT
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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 23:09:07 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 15 Dec 2018 22:43:13 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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Do the Boy Scouts in Ireland have a policy toward gays? Or are you just telling people in some other country how they should live their lives when it doesn't affect you?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 23:28:32 GMT
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Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:

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>> As if I have to.
>
> I rather thought my question implied that you did.

Well, most of my right wing friends (even) recognize that Obama wasn't stupid. He actually spoke in complete sentences. Something the Repubs haven't managed for a while now.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sat, 15 Dec 2018 23:49:58 GMT
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hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

> On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 2:29:52 PM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:
>
>>> Democracy requires a certain minimum intelligence among the
>>> populace to enable sensible choices to be made. I fear that the
>>> median intelligence of the peepul is falling below that level.
>>
>> It most certainly has in one political party. Nation wide we are
>> barely hanging on.
>
> Sadly, in the US the extremists, on both sides, are taking over.

Yep, typical lie told by the right.

I remember when Obama was revealed as the extremist he is. Right after the inauguration, the righties caught him and Michelle performing a "terrorist fist bump".

The left leaning extremist in the last election was Bernie. After all, he's a socialist. To call the rest of the party extremists is just a lie.

Anyway, try to stay on topic. In this case it's intelligence, not extremism.

> All we seem to hear these days are rants from the far right and far
> left. Listen to Fox's Hannity for example, very disturbing (or anyone
> from talk radio). Likewise from the lefties.

Fox is full of extremists, but the right in the Senate and House are singing the same tune.

I suggest you actually listen to Rachel Maddow. She doesn't make crap up and spew BS like the Fox crew. She did an amazing piece called "Betrayal" on Nixon a while back.

> People in the middle get screwed.
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> An example is the Boy Scouts. The WSJ just had an article about
> them--they're losing membership and are in trouble. On the one hand,
> they've gotten extremely pressure from some of their sponsors to take
> in gays. On the other hand, some other sponsors object to the gays.
> They end up losing either way.
>
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What is that? Some kind of right wing distortion of the Boy Scouts story? That's not why they are in trouble:

Facing mounting legal costs from defending itself against lawsuits
alleging sexual abuse of boys

Irony isn't it? The whole organization claims to be holier than anyone
but they can't stop molesting little boys.

I was under the impression the gay issue was resolved a while back. Yep
Wikipedia:

On May 23, 2013, The Boy Scouts of America's national governing body
voted to rescind the long-standing ban on homosexual youth in the
program. Effective January 1, 2014, "No youth may be denied membership
in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or
preference alone."

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Dan Espen

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> anything much that wasn't stupid. He might have followed the agenda
> that you wanted him to follow but that just means that he will
> stupidly do whatever is popular.

He stupidly signed into law a health care bill that insured a load of people. He stupidly avoided a major recession. He stupidly hunted down OBL and killed him.

Then he stupidly endured 6 years of not being able to do anything with congress but somehow didn't start any wars on made up reasons.

If you're implying Obama was stupid, well, there is no hope for a rational discussion.

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Dan Espen

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Put them in the dishwasher.
Takes no effort at all.

> Further, there's the matter of what can and can't be recycled. Like
> you can recycle corrugated board except you can't recycle pizza boxes.
> You can recycle plastic that has a recycling mark on it unless it's
> styrofoam.

Here they recently changed to accepting everything including bags then a few months later changed again to only 1 and 2 no bags.

Pizza boxes inevitably have grease stains. That's why they don't want them.

> They've given up on recycling light bulbs, they're either
> regular trash or hazardous waste, and if they're hazardous waste you
> have to take them to the hazardous waste facility that's only open 4
> hours a month.

At least we've stopped using tungsten, something in short supply.

Some right wingers have bought cases of 100 watt incandescent bulbs. You know, they were going to be outlawed.

LEDs pretty much make the recycling issue a non-issue.
Since you throw them away after 25 years, you don't create much waste.

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Dan Espen

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Including lights for ovens?

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Posted by [Bill Findlay](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 00:37:02 GMT

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We gays are so grateful to have you explain our lives to us.

It all makes sense at last!

Thank you! Thank you!,

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>>>> >Non-sequiter? Yes, it does, and it might be better than the current

>>>> >situation.

>>>>

>>>> It's sad that that appears to be the case, but democracy seems to be

>>>> putting stupider and more venal people in charge with every election.

>>>>

>>> With the notable exception of a recent president.

>>

>> Which one would that be? If you mean Obama, I didn't notice him doing

>> anything much that wasn't stupid. He might have followed the agenda

>> that you wanted him to follow but that just means that he will

>> stupidly do whatever is popular.

>

> He stupidly signed into law a health care bill that insured a load of
> people.

Which people would those be? Obamacare did not provide insurance to anyone. It tried to force people who could not afford insurance to pay for it anyway or have the cost taken from them as taxes.

You are conflating it with something like the National Health Service, which it most assuredly is _not_. I pay more for less insurance than I did before Obamacare went through.

> He stupidly avoided a major recession.

Oh, you buy into the myth that government action can prevent a recession? Sorry, the government has little effect on the economy.

> He stupidly hunted down
> OBL and killed him.

Funny, SEAL Team 6 seems to be laboring under the misconception that they did that. About all Obama can say about is that he did not present an obstacle to their activities.

> Then he stupidly endured 6 years of not being able to do anything with
> congress but somehow didn't start any wars on made up reasons.

No, he just managed to make the existing ones worse.

> If you're implying Obama was stupid, well, there is no hope for a
> rational discussion.

I do not expect rational discussion with anyone mired in isms such as Democratism or Republicanism or Libertarianism--you're so deeply indoctrinated with the ideology that you can't see the mess that it's making.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 01:03:58 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 19:13:26 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
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>> Personally I don't have a problem with recycling cans, but they want
>> me to wash them first and I do have an objection to spending my free
>> time washing trash to make the government happy.

>

> Put them in the dishwasher.

> Takes no effort at all.

Except it's full of dishes so now I have to run it twice.

>> Further, there's the matter of what can and can't be recycled. Like
>> you can recycle corrugated board except you can't recycle pizza boxes.
>> You can recycle plastic that has a recycling mark on it unless it's
>> styrofoam.

>

> Here they recently changed to accepting everything including bags then a
> few months later changed again to only 1 and 2 no bags.

>

> Pizza boxes inevitably have grease stains. That's why they don't want
> them.

Doesn't matter why they don't want them. The Federal budget is 3.8 trillion dollars. If it was not run by FUCKING IDIOTS they've have put _some_ of it into a research program to permit recycling of that vast percentage of paper products that are "contaminated with food" instead of just burning it all.

>> They've given up on recycling light bulbs, they're either
>> regular trash or hazardous waste, and if they're hazardous waste you
>> have to take them to the hazardous waste facility that's only open 4
>> hours a month.

>

> At least we've stopped using tungsten, something in short supply.

Yeah, reducing usage by 3 percent is going to save the world.

> Some right wingers have bought cases of 100 watt incandescent bulbs.
> You know, they were going to be outlawed.

And they effectively were.

- > LEDs pretty much make the recycling issue a non-issue.
- > Since you throw them away after 25 years, you don't create much
- > waste.

If they last 25 years. While they may be "rated" for that the rating is based on loss of illumination, not escape of magic smoke. There are parts in there other than the LED, some of them fairly complicated, and those parts also have to last 25 years.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 01:22:43 GMT

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On 15/12/2018 23:49, Dan Espen wrote:

- >
- > What is that? Some kind of right wing distortion of the Boy Scouts
- > story? That's not why they are in trouble:
- >
- > Facing mounting legal costs from defending itself against lawsuits
- > alleging sexual abuse of boys
- >
- > Ironical isn't it? The whole organization claims to be holier than anyone
- > but they can't stop molesting little boys.
- >
- > I was under the impression the gay issue was resolved a while back. Yep
- > Wikipedia:
- >
- > On May 23, 2013, The Boy Scouts of America's national governing body
- > voted to rescind the long-standing ban on homosexual youth in the
- > program. Effective January 1, 2014, "No youth may be denied membership
- > in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or
- > preference alone."
- >
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Minorities from minor meaning small.

When catering to a small take care to ensure that you do not hurt your main product. Also charge 3 times the price to cover the extra costs.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 01:26:27 GMT

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On 15/12/2018 08:16, maus wrote:

> On 2018-12-15, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On Fri, 14 Dec 2018 17:20:27 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>

>> wrote:

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>>> hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

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>>>> On Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 8:16:01 PM UTC-5, J. Clarke wrote:

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>>> As a developer, I found that big problems could be solved

>>> in steps.

>>

>> Except according to IPCC we've got _ten_ years. If they are right

>> this isn't a problem that can be fixed by chipping away at it over a

>> lifetime.

>

> Ten Years?.. We are already doomed!!!!.. doomed to die horribly, to be

> tossed into Hell!!!!!!!

>

>

Do not worry global warming is a 22 century problem. You will not be around to see it.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 02:08:55 GMT

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Dan Espen wrote:

> Andreas Kohlbach writes:

>

>> In some "modern" countries in Europe you cannot buy incandescent light

>> bulbs anymore.

>

> Including lights for ovens?

Specialist incandescent lamps (such as high temperature E14 for ovens) and 'rough service' versions of normal lamps with E27 or BC22 fittings are still available.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 02:11:31 GMT

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Originally posted by: songbird

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worms will happily eat them up.

songbird

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Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 03:01:40 GMT

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On Fri, 14 Dec 2018 23:16:25 GMT, scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal) wrote:

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Seventy-five percent of almost nothing is almost nothing.

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Joy Beeson

joy beeson at comcast dot net

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On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 22:01:40 -0500, Joy Beeson

<jbeeson@invalid.net.invalid> wrote:

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It's like ignoring a severed artery to treat a cat scratch. It's environmentalist theater.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 06:14:17 GMT

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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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> are parts in there other than the LED, some of them fairly

> complicated, and those parts also have to last 25 years.

The LEDs that light my house contain LED chips wired in sets of

three in series and a resistor in series with each set. They run off 12 volt supplies in my crawl space.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 06:22:45 GMT
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On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 16:33:37 -0500
J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

- > And the reduction in CO2 emissions is negligible.
- >
- > Residential energy use:
- > Air conditioning 17%
- Don't have it

- > Space heating 15%
- Wood pellets - CO2 neutral

- > Water heating 14%
- Wood pellets - CO2 neutral

- > Lighting 10%
- Oh look what's at the top of the list now!

- > TVs and related 7%
- > Refrigerators 7%

- > Clothes dryers 5%
- Don't have one

- > Itemized other uses 12% (I won't list them all here)
- > "Not elsewhere classified" 13%
- >
- > A 100 watt incandescent is replaced by a 14 watt LED--saving there is
- > potentially, if all domestic lighting is incandescent takes the
- > total down from 10% to 1.4%.

For me (and anyone else with carbon neutral heating) you can double those numbers and call it 20% down to 3% which is rather more significant not massive but not insignificant either.

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Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 08:12:37 GMT

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> on the lines. It takes a long time to repair.

Gee, I hadda check to make sure I hadn't written that. Only here they haven't done tree trimming for decades save in occasional small spots. Normal Nova Scotia inclement weather now predictably causes scattered or wide outages. People who should know the in-house gossip say the high tension towers are even more vulnerable, some of which will fail spectaclarly in the foreseeable future.

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Way cheaper, AIUI, to send crews out to fix what breaks than to deploy crews 200 days a year to keep lines clear.

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Some specific locations here have windmills but I'm uncertain if they do much for the grid. Two near me, perhaps a dozen within an 80 mi. radius.

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Mike Spencer Nova Scotia, Canada

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 08:27:16 GMT
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In the case of NYC it wasn't wind turbines, it was gas turbines. There is a proposal to build several gigawatts of generating capacity in New Jersey but the Sierra Club has managed to get a lot of NIMBY going against it.

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Eisenhower did a warning, and he was an army man.

The situation in the UK is getting dire.

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Admission of gay scouts and exploitation by a pervert are two separate issues. Unless you are one of those who believes that all gays are pedophiles.

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> No burden.

I would do this anyway so that the residual food waste doesn't sit around
and attract bugs or generate odors.

I do agree about the nitpicky regulations. At least now the recycling all
goes in together - a few years ago we had to separate paper from other
waste. Since many of the same people who push recycling also favor illegal
immigration, why not put the illegals to work sorting recycling and tossing
out all the McDonald's wrappers and pizza boxes?

>
> Cans (steel and aluminum) are fully recyclable. Doing so saves
> energy and the environment at no cost to us. Glass is also
> recyclable, but not so much is put in glass these days.
>

We try to buy stuff in glass to avoid parabens in plastic.

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Pete

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>>>> > which forces people to drive.
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>>>> Things you don't like:
>>>>
>>>> Kids bragging about their LEDs.
>>>> No one meets your standards of numeracy.
>>>> Partial solutions.
>>>> Subsidies.
>>>>
>>>> The solutions are:
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>>>> Hand-cranked duplicators.
>>>> Public transit.
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>>> There is no objection to partial solutions--they are usually
>>> better than no solution at all (usually, but not always).
>>
>> :-)
>>
>>> What is objectionable is the 'masking effect', that people
>>> think replacing a light bulb is gonna make a radical change
>>> in energy or pollution when in reality it will not.
>>
>> In some "modern" countries in Europe you cannot buy incandescent light
>> bulbs anymore. You only find FLD or LED on the shelves. Most countries of
>> the European Union put this law in place some years ago.
>>
>> But why would they? The Governments don't benefit from fewer taxes if
>> less energy is consumed. And since the consumer saves money (what they
>> save on energy is more than the higher price of the light bulb until it
>> burns out and needs to be replaced) they also don't benefit from taxes
>> due to the higher price.
>>
>> So it's to reduce CO2 emissions.
>
> More likely it's to put money in the pockets of the light bulb
> manufacturers.
>
> Don't attribute to virtue that which can be adequately explained by
> greed.,
>
> And the reduction in CO2 emissions is negligible.
>
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Pete

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 Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 10:58:17 GMT
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 >>> Indeed, among conservatives, it is an article of faith that
 >>> recycling and energy consumption is just a silly liberal hoax.
 >>> I see many conservatives disdainfully discarding cans in the
 >>> regular trash, not recycling, because of that. (In reality,
 >>> cans are fully recyclable and that is good). They see living
 >>> on an acre of ground and driving a big fat SUV as a God-given
 >>> right that they're not about to surrender.
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> Here they recently changed to accepting everything including bags then a
> few months later changed again to only 1 and 2 no bags.
>
> Pizza boxes inevitably have grease stains. That's why they don't want
> them.
>
>> They've given up on recycling light bulbs, they're either
>> regular trash or hazardous waste, and if they're hazardous waste you
>> have to take them to the hazardous waste facility that's only open 4
>> hours a month.
>
> At least we've stopped using tungsten, something in short supply.
>
> Some right wingers have bought cases of 100 watt incandescent bulbs.
> You know, they were going to be outlawed.

I did, when I thought we were going to be stuck with fluorescent, but now
LEDs are reasonably priced and do the job as well.

>
> LEDs pretty much make the recycling issue a non-issue.
> Since you throw them away after 25 years, you don't create much
> waste.
>

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Pete

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>>>> Just wondering when the British Army takes over in the UK..
>>>> Imagine, martial (or Marital? :)) music is played on BBC, an neverbefore
>>>> seen person with lotsa medals comes on camera, and reads a prepared script.
>>>> >
>>>> "My fellow citizens. yaddo, yaddo"
>>>> >
>>>> Everything seems possible at the moment, even the above happening in the US.
>>>> >
>>> >
>>> Non-sequiter? Yes, it does, and it might be better than the current
>>> situation.
>>> >
>> It's sad that that appears to be the case, but democracy seems to be
>> putting stupider and more venal people in charge with every election.
>> >
> With the notable exception of a recent president.
> >

I assume you're not talking about the current incumbent. Yes, I don't think anyone has accused him of being corrupt, although, like all presidents, he seems to have left office significantly richer than he started. I would definitely agree with the stupid part. When he was first elected there were lots if things he could have done which would have brought the parties together rather than pushed them apart, and instead he wasted thime, energy, and political capital on a stupid health-care plan. I agree health-care needed fixing, but some tweaks around the edges rather than a grand scheme that is failing would have made more sense and antagonized fewer people. (sounds like a lot of failed grand IT projects)

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Pete

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> the left. In the US, "the left" is what most industrialized countries
> would call "the center".

I don't watch Fox, but MSNBC is so far left as to make Karl Marx seem conservative. CNN used to be able to present somewhat valanced news, but now they're on a non-stop anti-Trump tirade. I can't find a source if unbiased news any more, I've stopped paying attention to all of it, except animal stories with happy endings.

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Pete

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 11:30:43 GMT

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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 03:58:16 -0700

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 11:32:36 GMT

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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 04:01:34 -0700

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andy Leighton](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 11:42:38 GMT

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On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 18:09:07 -0500,

J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 15 Dec 2018 22:43:13 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>> On 2018-12-15, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:

>>> On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 3:51:55 PM UTC-5, Andy Leighton wrote:

>>>

>>>> > Ironically, most kids in the scouts are too young to care about

>>>> > such things. The extremists scream about a non-existent issue.

>>>>

>>>> Really? Isn't scouts really aimed at 11-17 year olds then (with

>>>> Ventures going older and Cubs for those under 11). I would think

>>>> that most people become aware of their sexuality when they are

>>>> in that age range.

>>>

>>> The Cub Scouts start much younger.

>>>

>>> Kids lose interest in scouting as they get older, so they aren't

>>> as many older kids in scouts.

>>>

>>> While some kids are aware of their orientation at a young age,

>>> IMHO, most don't come to understand it until they are older

>>> and beyond the age of scouting.

>>>

>>> I still maintain the typical Scout is too young to be aware of

>>> that sort of thing or care.

>>>

>>>

>>

>> I strongly disagree.

>

> Do the Boy Scouts in Ireland have a policy toward gays?

Most of the world doesn't use Boy - we just say Scouts. The female analogue (in most of the world) is Guides.

I am sure that they welcome them like they do any other person. I am not sure they have a specific policy as such it is just that it isn't really needed. It is covered by the general equal opportunities policy.

In the UK the Scouts are a lot more accepting than the US - they are co-ed for a start, LGBT members are fine, as are non-Christian members (including atheists and humanists). Ireland isn't quite at the same point yet (although the vast majority > 90% of its troops are co-ed). I think they are OK with atheists too.

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Andy Leighton => andyl@azaal.plus.com

"We demand rigidly defined areas of doubt and uncertainty!"

- Douglas Adams

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 11:51:45 GMT

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On 16 Dec 2018 11:28:13 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> Talking of which, I write the installation date on LED "bulbs" and I'm
> discovering that they have nothing like the advertised "burn time",
> so as they fail I'm returning them for refund/replacement.

Figures, the advertised burn time on LED lighting tends to be the expected life of the LED chips when run in spec (in particular temperature spec) before they drop to 80% (IIRC). For most LED fittings they are by far the most reliable component.

My approach is to use LED strips, about half of the originals are still in place (five years on) and working as well as they did when new. The others (kitchen, hallway, office, bathrooms) were replaced because better lower power strips became available which made it possible to replace short strips in central locations with long strips for brighter and more diffuse light at slightly lower power consumption. The others (bedrooms, lounge) will get a similar treatment and dimmers when the rooms are next redecorated.

I have always hated dangly light fittings and point source light, my preference would be for gently glowing ceilings but that's not yet a

realistic option, meanwhile glowing strips are not a bad alternative.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 12:52:39 GMT
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Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

On 16/12/2018 11:42, Andy Leighton wrote:

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But not republicans AIUI.

Only those who debase their own families to be second class
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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 12:53:28 GMT
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On 16 Dec 2018 11:35:11 GMT
Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

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Wow, they are junk! Build quality easily on a par with the worst
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 14:14:21 GMT
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Maus@ireland.com
Opinions offered om any subject:

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 14:15:47 GMT
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Probably the other way 'round.

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Pete

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 14:15:48 GMT
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That's precisely the problem. As a previous poster indicated, they take this but not that, something except... etc. To say nothing of the annoyance of sorting, just trying to remember the rules is taxing.

Last week I read that Phoenix was sending all its recycling to China! Now they're refusing to take most of it, so the city is scrambling for another solution.

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Pete

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 14:41:08 GMT
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> Dear Lhord but you talk some crap.

Agree, I can't imagine what it's like to live in a world like that.

Every morning MSNBC runs a "Your Business" show. Can't get more capitalist than that.

One of their frequent commentators is Michael Steele. A well known Communist that used to be the Chairperson of the RNC. One of their most popular shows is "Morning Joe", co-host Joe Scarborough who used to be a Republican US Representative.

Reminds me of the South Park episode where everyone decides to shove food up their asses and crap out of their mouths.

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Dan Espen

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If worms happily eat up waste paper then why all the concern about
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Run it once for the dishes, take the dishes out and stack them, then
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have room for both in your dishwasher at the same time? Or are you
the one in your family who even runs the dishwasher? I remember a
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Personally I gave up on all the off brands--Philips and Cree seem to hold up.

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Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 16:56:01 GMT
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I never realised that 0 and 9 weren't adjacent on american keyboards.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 17:35:10 GMT

Originally posted by: JimP

On 16 Dec 2018 04:12:37 -0400, Mike Spencer
<mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere> wrote:

>
> hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:
>
>> Modern policy has hit the traditional power companies hard. As a
>> result, they've cut back on maintenance. Power failures take
>> longer to repair, and they're not as well equipped to deal with
>> big outages. They fail to due to preventive maintenance. For
>> instance, in my area, they used to trim trees back away from their
>> lines every year. Now they only do that every five years. As a
>> result even minor storms result in failures since tree limbs fall
>> on the lines. It takes a long time to repair.
>
> Gee, I hadda check to make sure I hadn't written that. Only here they
> haven't done tree trimming for decades save in occasional small spots.
> Normal Nova Scotia inclement weather now predictably causes scattered
> or wide outages. People who should know the in-house gossip say the
> high tension towers are even more vulnerable, some of which will fail
> spectaclarly in the forseeable future.

Every place I have lived in the US does trim trees away from power
lines. There were law suits to stop it from time to tme, the law suits
lose.

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Jim

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>>> On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 2:29:52 PM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:
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>>>> > Democracy requires a certain minimum intelligence among the populace
>>>> > to enable sensible choices to be made. I fear that the median intelligence

>>>> > of the peepul is falling below that level.
>>>>
>>>> It most certainly has in one political party.
>>>> Nation wide we are barely hanging on.
>>>
>>> Sadly, in the US the extremists, on both sides, are taking over.
>>>
>>> All we seem to hear these days are rants from the far right and
>>> far left. Listen to Fox's Hannity for example, very disturbing
>>> (or anyone from talk radio). Likewise from the lefties.
>>
>> Frankly, I cannot think of any US TV network that compares to Fox on
>> the left. In fact, it's hard to think of any media personalities on
>> the left. In the US, "the left" is what most industrialized countries
>> would call "the center".
>
> I don't watch Fox, but MSNBC is so far left as to make Karl Marx seem

Really ? I've read the crap written by dummy Karl. MSNBC does go after both political parties when they see malfeasance. They don't compare and Karl is significantly to the left of everyone, including MSNBC.

> conservative. CNN used to be able to present somewhat valanced news, but
> now they're on a non-stop anti-Trump tirade. I can't find a source if
> unbiased news any more, I've stopped paying attention to all of it, except
> animal stories with happy endings.

Because orange one is a big time criminal.

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Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 17:50:31 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

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> weapons in his home and then was rather shocked when I showed him what
> was in the knife block in the kitchen.

Some years ago I was appraised of two things, one I had already figured out.

1) in horror movies you know something terrible is going to happen if there is a block in the kitchen full of knives.

2) I figured it out at a young age, and it was mentioned later when I went to Navy boot camp. The most dangerous weapon is the human mind.

--
Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 17:51:29 GMT
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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 16:56:01 +0000, Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> wrote:

> J. Clarke wrote:

>

>> For us leftpondians could you explain "W7" and "W19"?

>
> I never realised that 0 and 9 weren't adjacent on american keyboards.

To use a Spockism, that response is highly illogical.

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Jim

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Of course it happens. But your measurements don't agree with my measurements, and neither measurements have anything to do with a true average.

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Dan Espen

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I'm living alone. Something increasingly common. It takes me days to fill a dishwasher.

Back when there were more people in the house I still had room.

> I remember a discussion with one knee-jerk liberal type who told me
 > there were no weapons in his home and then was rather shocked when I
 > showed him what was in the knife block in the kitchen.

Well, that certainly showed that liberal type.

>>>> > Further, there's the matter of what can and can't be recycled.
 >>>> > Like you can recycle corrugated board except you can't recycle
 >>>> > pizza boxes. You can recycle plastic that has a recycling mark on
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>>>> Some right wingers have bought cases of 100 watt incandescent
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>> lamps in my outdoor lamp post every 6 months. I replaced them with
>> CFLs and I must be approaching 10 years on them without a single
>> failure.
>
> Personally I gave up on all the off brands--Philips and Cree seem to
> hold up.

Pretty sure most of mine are Cree.

I got some really cool ones that have a motion sensor in them to turn themselves on. No more broken pull strings for lights in closets.

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Dan Espen

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Yeah, the guy who can't build a car has no right to complain when the brakes don't work.

The guy who can't do surgery has no right to complain about the scalpel they left in him.

The guy who can't design a web page has no right to complain when the one he's using won't take a zip code.

The woman who can't write a login script has no right to complain when the one provided for her makes comments about her bodily functions, keyed to a calendar.

Sorry, but the notion "if you can't do better yourself you have no right to complain" is one of the major enemies of progress.

We've had mandatory recycling in parts of the US for nearly 30 years and I see no evidence that anybody is making any kind of concerted effort to improve the range of materials that can be recycled. We just see more and more complicated rules that we are expected to follow.

I wonder how much progress we could have made on that front if the money spent on NASA producing an obsolete imitation of a 50 year old space booster had been spent on improving recycling technology instead.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 19:22:09 GMT
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On 2018-12-15, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com < Hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com > wrote:

> I think in NYC Con Ed wanted to install local turbines as a
> supplement. Good idea. But the environmentalists fought it.

We have a 900MW gas-fired plant practically in our back yard.

Well, had. The government closed it down to further justify their \$10 billion Site C dam project hundreds of miles away. So much for local backup.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 19:22:09 GMT
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On 2018-12-16, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

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Our city now accepts pizza boxes in the green waste bin.

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> washing more "things" than if you aren't washing recyclables. Ergo, over
> a time period (a year, say) you run the dishwasher more often. I don't
> know how much simpler I can make this.

Not simple enough for me.
Recyclables ALWAYS go along for the ride.
If I got into a case where the dishwasher was
fully loaded and I wanted to add dishes, I'd take
out the recyclables and do them later.

Surely most people have a little unused room in their
normal loads.

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>>
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>
> Why don't you just admit you're an idiot?

First we have to agree on a common reality.
Then, when I see the error of my ways, I'll admit

I'm wrong.

Meanwhile, I have plenty of room in my dishwasher.
I'm not wasting my time or water rinsing them.
Dirty recyclables go in the right side, top rack.
The recycling bin is to the right.

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Dan Espen

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Interesting subject.

If these bacteria eat something as complex as plastic,
I wonder about their waste products. Oil? A poison?

I have about 40 years experience with the same compost heap.
Many years I'd just ignore the plastic I'd see in there,
wondering if I could evolve something that would eat it.
So far, each time I find something, it's pristine.
Lately I'm getting older and I figure I should move the
plastic into the waste stream (trash). Experiment failed
to get desired results.

If we evolve bacteria that eat plastic watch out for things
falling apart.

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Dan Espen

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>> Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
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>>> Stuff that goes into a landfill will last decades or more without
>>> decaying, or are you talking about a composting program that doesn't
>>> exist?
>>
>> That "doesn't exist" bit depends where you are, there's one here
>> and brown bins to go with it - but they won't take pizza boxes, bits of

>> pizza yes but not the boxes.

>>

> The program here takes pizza boxes, frozen food boxes, and the barely
> paper (grey felted) stuff they make some egg cartons out of here.

If they accept egg cartons for recycling, they've created an infinite loop.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 21:00:50 GMT

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That's pretty much what I've arrived at. I do basic sorting; clean stuff goes in recycling, greasy stuff goes in the trash, but I'm not cleaning or washing anything. At this point they don't actually recycle any of it. They collect it in separate trucks, weigh it for statistical purposes, and then put it in the landfill. But, you know, optimism and all that.

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I wonder if your unhappy experiences could be related to a dodgy electrical supply?

I've been installing primarily LED lamps for maybe five years, the only failures I've had were infant mortality. Every one that didn't croak in the first week is still working today. But this tends to be true of other lamp types as well.

Prior to that, when I bought my house ~17 years ago, I went through and replaced every incandescent lamp with a compact fluorescent. I'd guess 80% of those are still working, even the high duty cycle locations.

One exception is the bath fixtures, in the marquee style with exposed lamps. At the time the "pretty" CFLs were much more expensive than the ugly helix types, so I left those incandescents as they were. The previous homeowner left three spares as well. Today, every one of those incandescent lamps is still working, and I still have those three spares. Today the pretty CFL/LEDs are priced right, but those lights spend so little time in use that I'm completely unmotivated to be bothered with them.

Ceiling fan light fixtures, though, those are lamp killers no matter what kind of lighting tech you screw into them.

Cost-wise, I can't really say but I'd be satisfied if it's a wash. If I pay for the lamps or pay for the power to run them, I still benefit if I spend less time on a ladder futzing with them.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 21:30:47 GMT
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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 03:58:16 -0700, Peter Flass wrote:

>
> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
>>
>> More likely it's to put money in the pockets of the light bulb
>> manufacturers.
>>
>> Don't attribute to virtue that which can be adequately explained by
>> greed.,
>>
>> And the reduction in CO2 emissions is negligible.
>>
>> Residential energy use:
>> Air conditioning 17%
>> Space heating 15%
>> Water heating 14%
>> Lighting 10%

>> TVs and related 7%
>> Refrigerators 7%
>> Clothes dryers 5%
>> Itemized other uses 12% (I won't list them all here)
>> "Not elsewhere classified" 13%
>>
>> A 100 watt incandescent is replaced by a 14 watt LED--saving there is
>> potentially, if _all_ domestic lighting is incandescent takes the
>> total down from 10% to 1.4%.
>>
>> I'm sorry, but that's peeing in the ocean.
>>
>
> Should also save money by reducing the need for replacement. I agree about
> FLDs, they didn't last anywhere as long as advertised and dimmed
> significantly over time. They were a stupid idea promoted in the name of
> environmentalism that caused more problems than they solved.

Then replace FLD with LED. They last longer, no?

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments

<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 21:36:22 GMT

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On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 18:09:07 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

>

> Do the Boy Scouts in Ireland have a policy toward gays? Or are you
> just telling people in some other country how they should live their
> lives when it doesn't affect you?

Vintage video: "You never know, when the homosexual is about". *g*

Is an US video <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfgsP8-l4VA>> though.

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Andreas

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 21:41:14 GMT

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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 04:01:34 -0700, Peter Flass wrote:

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> songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:
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>>> vast percentage of paper products that are "contaminated with food"
>>> instead of just burning it all.
>>
>> worms will happily eat them up.
>
> Stuff that goes into a landfill will last decades or more without decaying,
> or are you talking about a composting program that doesn't exist?

Thankfully. Wasn't it nice when they dug out old Atari cartridges a few years ago from a landfill in New Mexico Atari couldn't sell? ;-)

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Andreas

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 21:48:31 GMT

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Andreas

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 22:25:15 GMT
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On Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 10:51:40 AM UTC-7, JimP wrote:
> On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 16:56:01 +0000, Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk>
> wrote:
>> J. Clarke wrote:
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>>> For us leftpondians could you explain "W7" and "W19"?
>>
>> I never realised that 0 and 9 weren't adjacent on american keyboards.
>
> To use a Spockism, that response is highly illogical.

I finally figured it out.

There is a post just earlier in this thread which has as its author:
"Gareths was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer"

so the 9 was a typo for 0, and the comment meant: You are actually boasting of
changing from Windows 7 to Windows 10; how low can you go after that?

John Savard

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 22:38:04 GMT
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On 2018-12-16, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
> On 16 Dec 2018 14:14:21 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
>
>> On 2018-12-16, Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer
<headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:
>>> On 16/12/2018 11:42, Andy Leighton wrote:
>>>>
>>>> In the UK the Scouts are a lot more accepting that the US - they
>>>> are co-ed for a start, LGBT members are fine, as are non-Christian
>>>> members (including atheists and humanists).
>>>
>>> But not repblicans AIUI.

>>>
>>> Only those who debase their own families to be second class
>>> citizens compared to another family are welcome.
>>>
>>
>> I note that you are actually boasting of changing from W7 to
>> W19. How low can you go after that?.,

s/w19/w10/

>
> For us leftpondians could you explain "W7" and "W19"? Google comes up
> with something to do with Windows 7 and something to do with British
> plant communities.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 22:43:01 GMT
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On 2018-12-16, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
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I think, a New Jersey land fill. Steaks about five years old, looked
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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 22:46:47 GMT
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On 2018-12-16, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:
> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
>
>> On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 13:22:12 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
>> wrote:
>>
>>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
>>> tungsten.

Tungsten's main use is in Machine Tools.

>>>
>>> :)
>>>
>>> I've been running a compost heap since I moved here over 40 years ago.
>>> Interesting how plastic from the prior owners will show up buried
>>> somewhere in the backyard and still look like new. Recently found
>>> wrapping from sticks of chewing gum. Double-mint I think.
>>> Definitely not mine.
>>
>> However the immortality of plastic is something of an exaggeration. It
>> just hasn't been in the environment long enough for something to learn
>> how to eat it. The bacteria are working on it though, there's a
>> strain already that eats one fairly common plastic, no doubt there
>> will be others in the future.
>
> Interesting subject.
>
> If these bacteria eat something as complex as plastic,
> I wonder about their waste products. Oil? A poison?

The imitation meat, Quorn?..

>
> I have about 40 years experience with the same compost heap.
> Many years I'd just ignore the plastic I'd see in there,
> wondering if I could evolve something that would eat it.
> So far, each time I find something, it's pristine.
> Lately I'm getting older and I figure I should move the
> plastic into the waste stream (trash). Experiment failed
> to get desired results.

>
> If we evolve bacteria that eat plastic watch out for things
> falling apart.
>

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Maus@ireland.com
Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 16 Dec 2018 23:32:11 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 16:48:31 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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So that you can determine the degree to which your roast is browning
among other things.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 01:57:50 GMT
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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 15:17:46 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
wrote:

> If we evolve bacteria that eat plastic watch out for things

> falling apart.

We don't have to wait. Thirty or fifty years ago, I bought a plastic clip to hold my dog repellent on the stem of my bike for easy access. The clip threw my spray can into the street and a truck ran over it.

Bikies must be greenies -- bikes are useless for getting around or just having fun, therefore all riders are religious ecofreaks, therefore bike equipment should be made of "green" plastic that crumbles when exposed to the sun, but will last forever in the darkness of a landfill.

I'd say I've been carrying dog repellent clipped to my back pocket ever since, but twenty years ago I moved to an area where people don't store their dogs in the street when they are not using them, and I haven't needed to fend off an attack since.

(It's scary when intermittently-unwanted dogs remember that canines are supposed to join together in packs, but can't remember how or why. Luckily, that pack attacked at the top of three miles of steep downhill, and I easily outran them.)

--

Joy Beeson

joy beeson at comcast dot net

<http://wlweather.net/PAGEJOY/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 03:10:42 GMT

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On 16/12/2018 21:48, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

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>

A lamp in an oven with a glass door allows you to see if the food is cooked. Otherwise the cook has to open the door, which lets the hear out.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 06:49:13 GMT
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On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 09:05:38 +0000, Ahem A Rivet's Shot
<steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> On 15 Dec 2018 08:31:48 GMT
> maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:
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> I think there should be an m in there - 'Dear Sir/Madman' perhaps.

That would be appropriate for Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Even the order is right.

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 07:06:30 GMT
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JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> writes:

> Every place I have lived in the US does trim trees away from power
> lines. There were law suits to stop it from time to tme, the law suits
> lose.

Large ornamental trees -- say, giant maples -- in front yards have grown up to surround power lines in many places. I can see arguments/debate over whether those should be butchered, felled or left alone. By all means negotiate or litigate those cases or accept the risk to service of making them exceptions.

What we have here is miles and miles of rural lines along woodlands similarly surrounded by often-towering poplar (limbs or whole trunks break off easily), birch (bends deeply under snow), maple and conifer trees that have grown up around them in the decades since

privatization.

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Mike Spencer

Nova Scotia, Canada

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 07:18:22 GMT

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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

> On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 21:11:31 -0500, songbird <songbird@anthive.com>

> wrote:

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>

> If worms happily eat up waste paper then why all the concern about

> "filling up landfills" with it?

Because the environment of a landfill isn't conducive to worms.

Worms (and insects, grubs, microbes) do fine with a limited percentage of paper in healthy soil or a composting environment. Dense masses of paper or paper surrounded by general trash is pretty durable and resistant to worms, their friends and relations.

Paper I put into my own compost heap goes away. But one year I used bundles of old newspapers to suppress weeds along the edge of the garden. A few years later, when I wanted to expand the garden, the bundles were sodden through & through and pretty well reduced to solid chunks of pulp but were very little decayed/composted.

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Mike Spencer

Nova Scotia, Canada

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 07:38:50 GMT

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On 9 Dec 2018 15:51:08 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> On 2018-12-09, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>> On 9 Dec 2018 13:57:36 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>>

>>>

>>> ?.. What are they, then?..,

>>

>> They are pellets of wood. "Timber" is great long boards used to make
>> buildings and ships and the like.

>

> To me Timber is wood, harvested.

Try a good dictionary. "timber" is wood for structural purposes.

[snip]

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 07:40:37 GMT

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On 9 Dec 2018 22:24:30 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-09, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>

>> The present troubles over in the UK proves to me that their government
>> are possibly the stupidest group of boobies around, that that would
>> include our boobies here.

>

> If we're going to look at it as a competition, there are
> a number of governments around the world in a dead heat.

But sadly not dead yet.

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 08:45:12 GMT

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On 2018-12-17, Gene Wirchenko <genew@telus.net> wrote:

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I enjoy reading Louis L'amour books. In one of them, forget which, the hero, a western sherrif, marries the heroine, and they have children, one of which enters the advertising business, his Mother dies from shame.

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Maus@ireland.com
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 08:59:23 GMT
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In an area I know, a tree fell and broke the telephone lines, and those who still used those lines, generally older people, got bills of 140 euros to have the break repaired. Suddenly, all along that road, dodgy trees were gone.

Power Lines:

In another place, a man sowed trees in a patch of poor land, and when the trees started to grow, there were Lots of bare patches with no trees. I asked the owner. Tow heavy power lines crossed that field, and it was forbidden to sow trees under of near them, so the owner was compensated,

"Best paying field in the place."

(The compensation does not apply to power lines to the owners benefit)

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Maus@ireland.com

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Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 09:36:15 GMT
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<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ideonella_sakaiensis>

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 10:30:12 GMT
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"Mutant 59: The Plastic Eaters" - Kit Pedler and Gerry Davis. A 1973 envisioning of the consequences.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith		Directable Mirror Arrays
C:\>WIN		A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins.		licences available see
You lose and Bill collects.		http://www.sohara.org/

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 10:35:51 GMT
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Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

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Nothing about boasting; I like to keep track of from which laptop I post, this one, or the W7 one, or my original XP one, or the XP one that I got from Jim GM4DHJ. All the Usenet accounts are named accordingly.

I had commented recently that when this W7 laptop came back from the menders that it had had a W10 update, hence the account moniker on this post.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 10:47:10 GMT

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Check on the progress if your soufflé without opening the oven?

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Pete

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Landfills aren't designed to degrade the contents, only store them for a few centuries. The have waterproof (and presumably airtight) plastic and clay linings, and each day's deposits are covered with a layer of dirt. When a section fills up it is capped with a plastic sheet and buried under a layer of dirt.

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Pete

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JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 03:58:19 -0700, Peter Flass
> <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:
>>> On 12/15/2018 2:12 PM, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:
>>>> On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 2:29:52 PM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:
>>>>
>>>> >> Democracy requires a certain minimum intelligence among the populace
>>>> >> to enable sensible choices to be made. I fear that the median intelligence
>>>> >> of the peepul is falling below that level.
>>>> >
>>>> > It most certainly has in one political party.
>>>> > Nation wide we are barely hanging on.
>>>>
>>>> Sadly, in the US the extremists, on both sides, are taking over.
>>>>
>>>> All we seem to hear these days are rants from the far right and
>>>> far left. Listen to Fox's Hannity for example, very disturbing
>>>> (or anyone from talk radio). Likewise from the lefties.
>>>
>>> Frankly, I cannot think of any US TV network that compares to Fox on
>>> the left. In fact, it's hard to think of any media personalities on
>>> the left. In the US, "the left" is what most industrialized countries
>>> would call "the center".
>>
>> I don't watch Fox, but MSNBC is so far left as to make Karl Marx seem
>
> Really ? I've read the crap written by dummy Karl. MSNBC does go after
> both political parties when they see malfeasance. They don't compare

> and Karl is significantly to the left of everyone, including MSNBC.
>
>> conservative. CNN used to be able to present somewhat valanced news, but
>> now they're on a non-stop anti-Trump tirade. I can't find a source if
>> unbiased news any more, I've stopped paying attention to all of it, except
>> animal stories with happy endings.
>
> Because orange one is a big time criminal.

Maybe. He's also a sociopathic idiot, but every once in a while he does something good, and balanced reporting should cover both sides.

--
Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 10:55:27 GMT
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Originally posted by: Kerr-Mudd,John

On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 18:13:03 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-16, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>>> > [10 lines snipped]
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>>>> >>> Personally I don't have a problem with recycling cans, but they
>>>> >>> want me to wash them first and I do have an objection to
>>>> >>> spending my free time washing trash to make the government
>>>> >>> happy.
>>>> >>
>>>> >> Put them in the dishwasher.
>>>> >> Takes no effort at all.
>>>> >
>>>> > And adds to the costs of running the dishwasher.
>>>>
>>>> This should be good.
>>>> Explain how a few additional items in the dishwasher use more

>>>> energy.
>>>
>>> Over the course of a period of time, it means the dishwasher has to
>>> be run more often than otherwise, using more energy. OK, the
>>> difference is small, but so is the amount of energy saved by using
>>> LED lighting and unplugging wall-warts and other meaningless
>>> virtue-signalling efforts at energy saving.
>>
>> Oh sure, I run the dishwasher just to wash recyclables.
>
> That isn't what I said.
>
>> Just to be clear, if I have recyclables to wash and the dishwasher is
>> otherwise full, I show just how clever I am, and save the recyclables
>> for the next load.
>
> Yes? And? If you're washing recyclables, then you are self-evidently
> washing more "things" than if you aren't washing recyclables. Ergo,
> over a time period (a year, say) you run the dishwasher more often. I
> don't know how much simpler I can make this.
>
>> Not that I can remember that ever happening.
>>
>> Why don't you just admit you are mistaken.
>
> Why don't you just admit you're an idiot?
>

Why don't you start a flame war?

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Bah, and indeed, Humbug.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 13:07:25 GMT
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Originally posted by: songbird

Peter Flass wrote:

> songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:

....pizza boxes with grease or without...

>> worms will happily eat them up.

>

> Stuff that goes into a landfill will last decades or more without decaying,

> or are you talking about a composting program that doesn't exist?

i compost almost every organic material i can get my hands on here. the only exception are the shiny/plasticised cardstock which goes into the curbside recycling bins.

worms love cardboard and would not care if there was a little grease along with it. if mixed in with all the rest of the organic materials and composted it will be fine for them.

<http://www.anthive.com/project/worms/>

<http://www.anthive.com/project/taters/>

songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 13:17:28 GMT

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Originally posted by: songbird

Dan Espen wrote:

....

> Paper is easily recycled, it saves energy to make paper from paper rather
> than logs. Why do F'ing Idiots think they know more than people that
> actually do this stuff?

>

> Thousands of years from now, those land fills will have to be mined.

> The lesser proportion of paper, the easier to find and recover the
> tungsten.

>

> :)

all the metals will eventually have some value, unfortunately all this mixing with dirt when burying is contaminating and making the future recovery more difficult.

none of it should be buried to begin with. all of it can be either recycled or incinerated.

> I've been running a compost heap since I moved here over 40 years ago.

- > Interesting how plastic from the prior owners will show up buried
- > somewhere in the backyard and still look like new. Recently found
- > wrapping from sticks of chewing gum. Double-mint I think.
- > Definitely not mine.

i once made the mistake of having some compost delivered without examining it first. stuff had all sorts of pieces of glass, metal, plastic, bits of diapers, etc. in it. i was stupid enough to use it and have been picking bits of this and that out of the gardens for 7 years now. i think i've finally found most of it.

i also have friends who bring me leaves from their yard and stuff from their wood pile making and the ashes from their wood burner. one year they brought me leaves a neighbor had raked. i am always wary so they know to ask if they are clean or not and the person they asked said yes.

in those bags of leaves i found a butter knife, a clock, a headlight from a motorcycle, and that was only the beginning. i almost quit taking stuff from them entirely after that because of the extra work it takes to pick all that stuff out.

plastics are the suck. i hate it and use it as little as possible here.

songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 13:18:48 GMT
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Originally posted by: songbird

J Clarke wrote:

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- >> worms will happily eat them up.
 - >
 - > If worms happily eat up waste paper then why all the concern about
 - > "filling up landfills" with it?

they won't be down that deep and conditions are without oxygen (notice those gas pipes coming out of most landfills?).

songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 13:20:13 GMT
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Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
> On 2018-12-17, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>> JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
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> [33 lines snipped]
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>>>
>>> Because orange one is a big time criminal.
>>
>> Maybe. He's also a sociopathic idiot, but every once in a while he does
>> something good, and balanced reporting should cover both sides.
>
> Like Mussolini making the trains run on time?
>

Even so. For example, he's increased funding for the military after Obama let it languish, and he's upped NASA funding. He's appointed a lot of conservative judges, which some may not consider a positive but I feel it is a useful corrective to recent leftward drift in the courts.

More so, what I should have added is that CNN covers Trump to the detriment of other important stories. It took a major disaster like the California wildfires to get Trump out of the news for a couple of weeks. It's certainly cheaper for them to get a bunch of talking heads to bicker rather than get a bunch of reporters out in the field, but there are probably lots of stories that don't get airtime because they're so focused on Trump and Muller. No one should pay attention to his stupid tweets. just ignore him when he twits and only cover stuff he actually does.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 13:56:15 GMT
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Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> writes:

> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

>> Which one would that be? If you mean Obama, I didn't notice him doing
>> anything much that wasn't stupid. He might have followed the agenda
>> that you wanted him to follow but that just means that he will
>> stupidly do whatever is popular.

>

> He stupidly signed into law a health care bill that insured a load of
> people. He stupidly avoided a major recession. He stupidly hunted down
> OBL and killed him.

>

> Then he stupidly endured 6 years of not being able to do anything with
> congress but somehow didn't start any wars on made up reasons.

>

> If you're implying Obama was stupid, well, there is no hope for a
> rational discussion.

Clarke likes to argue, and he doesn't like anyone or anything.

I agree that Obama has been the best president since, perhaps,
FDR. Certainly better than anyone after Nixon.

McConnell will go down in history as the worst senator ever
for his total disregard for the good of the country.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 13:57:26 GMT
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Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> writes:

> On 2018-12-15, J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>>>

>>> Non-sequiter? Yes, it does, and it might be better than the current
>>> situation.

>>

>> It's sad that that appears to be the case, but democracy seems to be
>> putting stupider and more venal people in charge with every election.

>

> Democracy requires a certain minimum intelligence among the populace
> to enable sensible choices to be made. I fear that the median intelligence
> of the peepul is falling below that level.

Yes, thanks to the Republicans watering down education.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 13:58:10 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
> On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 14:29:51 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
> wrote:

>> It most certainly has in one political party.
>> Nation wide we are barely hanging on.
>
> The other political party isn't doing any better. Both are just
> creating a more and more and more complicated and expensive morass of
> government that accomplishes little and what it does accomplish it
> accomplishes expensively and inefficiently.
>

Total horseshit.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 13:59:37 GMT
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hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:
> On Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 2:29:52 PM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:
>
>>> Democracy requires a certain minimum intelligence among the populace
>>> to enable sensible choices to be made. I fear that the median intelligence
>>> of the peepul is falling below that level.
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>> It most certainly has in one political party.
>> Nation wide we are barely hanging on.
>
> Sadly, in the US the extremists, on both sides, are taking over.
>
> All we seem to hear these days are rants from the far right and
> far left. Listen to Fox's Hannity for example, very disturbing
> (or anyone from talk radio). Likewise from the lefties.
>
> People in the middle get screwed.
>
> An example is the Boy Scouts. The WSJ just had an article about
> them--they're losing membership and are in trouble. On the one
> hand, they've gotten extremely pressure from some of their
> sponsors to take in gays. On the other hand, some other sponsors
> object to the gays. They end up losing either way.

It's their own fault. They moved to the religious right sometime in the 80's. Likewise, the NRA moved to the far right about the same time - prior to that they weren't the pro-gun at all costs nutcases that they are now. I blame Hesston and LaPierre, myself.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:03:30 GMT
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Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> writes:
> JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

>> Because orange one is a big time criminal.
>
> Maybe. He's also a sociopathic idiot, but every once in a while he does
> something good, and balanced reporting should cover both sides.

Please, enlighten us with your Wisdom by conveying at least one instance where the idiot-in-chief has done anything good (on purpose, rather than by not doing something bad).

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:10:31 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
> On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 11:51:10 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

>> Indeed, among conservatives, it is an article of faith that
>> recycling and energy consumption is just a silly liberal hoax.
>> I see many conservatives disdainfully discarding cans in the
>> regular trash, not recycling, because of that. (In reality,
>> cans are fully recyclable and that is good). They see living
>> on an acre of ground and driving a big fat SUV as a God-given
>> right that they're not about to surrender.
>
> Personally I don't have a problem with recycling cans, but they want
> me to wash them first and I do have an objection to spending my free
> time washing trash to make the government happy.
>
> Further, there's the matter of what can and can't be recycled. Like
> you can recycle corrugated board except you can't recycle pizza boxes.
> You can recycle plastic that has a recycling mark on it unless it's
> styrofoam. They've given up on recycling light bulbs, they're either
> regular trash or hazardous waste, and if they're hazardous waste you

> have to take them to the hazardous waste facility that's only open 4
> hours a month.

Wow, god forbid that you should take an extra 30 seconds to consider what you discard (or think about it before purchasing).

And certainly, none of which you describe is universal, even in the USA (No recycling setup that I've used have ever required washing cans or bottles. I do it sometimes to keep the odor down in the bin; but it's certainly not required).

I can drop light bulbs (cfls, 8' fluorescents, LEDs) and batteries at any hardware store for recycling.

You just like to complain and denigrate. When have you ever been positive about anything?

If I change my own oil, the city provides a 1gal jug for me to set out when the collector comes by (along with a sturdy bag for the filter) (and they leave empties for the next oil change).

All our recyclables go in a single bin (paper, plastic, glass, metal).

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:14:54 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

> On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 19:13:26 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
> wrote:

>
> Doesn't matter why they don't want them. The Federal budget is 3.8
> trillion dollars. If it was not run by FUCKING IDIOTS they've have
> put some of it into a research program to permit recycling of that
> vast percentage of paper products that are "contaminated with food"
> instead of just burning it all.

See here now, I thought you were a republican. Why would any god-fearing, gun-toting registered republican think it is the goverment's job to wash dirty cans?

Paper products "contaminated with food" are compostable. Do the environment a favor and compost as much waste as you are able (even renters can compost). Or just throw it away - that garbage dump will become a resource-rich mine in a decade or two.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:15:39 GMT
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Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> writes:

> songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:

>> J Clarke wrote:

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>>> instead of just burning it all.

>>

>> worms will happily eat them up.

>

> Stuff that goes into a landfill will last decades or more without decaying,
> or are you talking about a composting program that doesn't exist?

Don't conflate paper with plastic. What do you think causes landfills
to generate CH4?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:17:12 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

> On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 21:11:31 -0500, songbird <songbird@anthive.com>
> wrote:

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>> J Clarke wrote:

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>>> instead of just burning it all.

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>

> If worms happily eat up waste paper then why all the concern about
> "filling up landfills" with it?

Because it takes time and the amount of space that can be devoted
to landfills in some regions is very limited.

And to give you something ridiculous to bitch about.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:18:03 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

> On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 13:22:12 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>
> wrote:

> However the immortality of plastic is something of an exaggeration. It
> just hasn't been in the environment long enough for something to learn
> how to eat it. The bacteria are working on it though, there's a
> strain already that eats one fairly common plastic, no doubt there
> will be others in the future.

Tell that to the birds on Midway island.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:40:51 GMT
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hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

> On Friday, December 14, 2018 at 6:16:26 PM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:
>

>>> Yes, in my area the kids make a big deal about replacing incandescent
>>> light bulbs with FLD or LED. Big deal--the energy savings are trivial.

>>

>> 75% less energy usage for equivalent lumens is trivial?

>

> First, the equivalent lumens isn't true--they skimp on that.

Evidence?

> Second, in _home_ use, lighting energy consumption isn't all that
> significant in the grand scheme of things.

It's not _insignificant_.

>>> A big problem with alternative energy sources, like wind and solar,
>>> is that they simply don't have enough capacity to meet full demand.

>>

>> Most rational thinkers believe that a mix of generation sources
>> are required for very obvious reasons. Nobody with 4 brain
>> cells believes that solar and wind alone can supplant all existing
>> generation; however, they can supplant a very significant fraction
>> of it (Germany is a good example at 38% from renewables, and increasing
>> significantly each of the last three years).

>
> Well, a lot of environmentalists apparently have less than 4 brain

Actually, that's not the case. Various republicans have made that claim enough times that it has become a meme. But it's never been true.

>
> Modern policy has hit the traditional power companies hard. As a
> result, they've cut back on maintenance.

Modern republican ideas about business (and demands from wall street for profits) have caused them to cut back on maintenance.

Don't blame conservation for idiot fiscal policies at the top.

> Further, the national grid is being used in ways never intended,
> making it far more vulnerable to massive failure. Given population
> growth, it needs a lot of expansion and modernization which it isn't
> getting.

That's hard to argue with, but you address that by fixing it, not by discouraging renewable energy sources.

>
> Power stability is especially tricky since power is hard to store.

Which is why, for example, South Australia just installed a huge Tesla battery system on their grid - it's been working wonderfully.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:45:27 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:
> On Sat, 15 Dec 2018 22:01:40 -0500, Joy Beeson
> <jbeeson@invalid.net.invalid> wrote:
>
>> On Fri, 14 Dec 2018 23:16:25 GMT, scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal)
>> wrote:
>>
>>> 75% less energy usage for equivalent lumens is trivial?
>>
>> Seventy-five percent of almost nothing is almost nothing.
>

Lighting uses 9-10% of residential electricity[*]. Reducing that by 75% is _NOT_ "mostly nothing"

> It's like ignoring a severed artery to treat a cat scratch. It's
> environmentalist theater.

Another non-contributonal ad-hom by Clarke.

[*] <https://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.php?id=96&t=3>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 14:46:28 GMT
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Gene Wirchenko <genew@telus.net> writes:

> On 9 Dec 2018 15:51:08 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>

>> On 2018-12-09, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>>> On 9 Dec 2018 13:57:36 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>>>

>>>>

>>>> ?.. What are they, then?..,

>>>

>>> They are pellets of wood. "Timber" is great long boards used to make
>>> buildings and ships and the like.

>>

>> To me Timber is wood, harvested.

>

> Try a good dictionary. "timber" is wood for structural purposes.

>

Pavement or sidewalk?

Timber or lumber?

Two countries separated by the same language.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 15:15:48 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 08:18:48 -0500, songbird <songbird@anthive.com>
wrote:

> J Clarke wrote:
> ...
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>> If worms happily eat up waste paper then why all the concern about
>> "filling up landfills" with it?
>
> they won't be down that deep and conditions
> are without oxygen (notice those gas pipes
> coming out of most landfills?).

So which is it, do the worms eat them or do they need to be recycled?

Make up your mind.

>
>
> songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 15:27:36 GMT
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Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> writes:

> Dan Espen wrote:
>
>> If we evolve bacteria that eat plastic watch out for things
>> falling apart.
>
> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ideonella_sakaiensis>

Waste products:

terephthalic acid - Not toxic, can be used to make more PET plastic.

ethylene glycol - Highly toxic, can be used to make polyester and antifreeze.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 15:44:08 GMT
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Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:

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>> hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:
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> [50 lines snipped]
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>> battery system on their grid - it's been working wonderfully.
>
> It supplies power for what, 8 minutes? It's there to cover while a real
> power station is run up, should there be a lull in the supply from
> renewables.

All the online articles I find rave about the batteries.
Australia is buying more.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 16:14:50 GMT
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> Waste products:
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Or polymerise it with ethylene oxide and put the resulting PEG-nn into
most products that seem to be on my bathroom shelf.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 16:42:46 GMT
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On 2018-12-17, Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer <headstone255@yahoo.com>
wrote:

> On 16/12/2018 22:25, Quadibloc wrote:
>> On Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 10:51:40 AM UTC-7, JimP wrote:
>>> On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 16:56:01 +0000, Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk>
>>> wrote:
> Nothing about boasting; I like to keep track of from which laptop I
> post, this one, or the W7 one, or my original XP one, or the XP one that
> I got from Jim GM4DHJ. All the Usenet accounts are named accordingly.
>
> I had commented recently that when this W7 laptop came back from the
> menders that it had had a W10 update, hence the account moniker on this
> post.
>

You should sue. :)

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Maus@ireland.com
Opinions offered on any subject:

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 16:48:28 GMT
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Originally posted by: songbird

J Clarke wrote:

....
> So which is it, do the worms eat them or do they need to be recycled?
> Make up your mind.

worms will eat them when composted in ways that
are compatible with the worms ability to live but
landfills do not usually provide those conditions.

in my own small scale worm farm and out in the
gardens cardboard is easily consumed by worms and
it makes a great material for using to smother
weeds for the short term. if it has a little grease
on it there's little problem with that.

songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:14:33 GMT

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On 17 Dec 2018 14:47:20 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

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> renewables.

Looks like up to 1.29 hours according to:

< <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2018/sep/27/south-australia-tesla-battery-on-track-to-make-back-a-third-of-cost-in-a-year>>

The battery is 129MWh delivering 100MW. The article goes into some depth on the finances.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith	Directable Mirror Arrays
C:>WIN	A better way to focus the sun
The computer obeys and wins.	licences available see
You lose and Bill collects.	http://www.sohara.org/

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:48:15 GMT

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On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:14:33 +0000

Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

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> depth on the finances.

Interesting comments in this article:

< <https://cleantechnica.com/2018/10/08/teslas-battery-in-south-australia-breaks-stranglehold-of-natural-gas-industry/> >

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Posted by [scott](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 18:02:44 GMT
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Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:
> On 2018-12-17, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:
>> On 17 Dec 2018 14:47:20 GMT
>> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
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>>> On 2018-12-17, Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:
>>>> hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:
>>>> >On Friday, December 14, 2018 at 6:16:26 PM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:
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>>> [50 lines snipped]
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>>>> >
>>>> >Power stability is especially tricky since power is hard to store.
>>>>
>>>> Which is why, for example, South Australia just installed a huge Tesla
>>>> battery system on their grid - it's been working wonderfully.
>>>
>>> It supplies power for what, 8 minutes? It's there to cover while a real
>>> power station is run up, should there be a lull in the supply from
>>> renewables.
>>
>> Looks like up to 1.29 hours according to:
>
> Whoop-de-doo. That'll work when an Atlantic high comes and sits over the
> UK for 2 weeks in December, there's no wind, it's dark 18 hours a day
> and 0 deg C, then.

That's not what it is for.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 18:03:28 GMT

Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

On 17/12/2018 16:42, maus wrote:

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<headstone255@yahoo.com> wrote:

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>>>> On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 16:56:01 +0000, Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk>

>>>> wrote:

>> Nothing about boasting; I like to keep track of from which laptop I

>> post, this one, or the W7 one, or my original XP one, or the XP one that

>> I got from Jim GM4DHJ. All the Usenet accounts are named accordingly.

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That the Solitaire games are only available via t'internet is a nuisance, though.

Not creating any software of late so don't (yet?) know of any version incompatibilities therein.

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Pete

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Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

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Presumably the lifespan is not infinite. What's going to happen down the road? Between this and electric cars we're going to wind up with a lot of depleted lithium batteries to dispose of.

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Pete

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Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> wrote:

> Dan Espen wrote:
>
>> Andy Burns writes:
>>
>>> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ideonella_sakaiensis>
>>
>> Waste products:
>> terephthalic acid - Not toxic, can be used to make more PET plastic.
>> ethylene glycol - Highly toxic, can be used to make polyester and antifreeze.
>
> Or polymerise it with ethylene oxide and put the resulting PEG-nn into
> most products that seem to be on my bathroom shelf.
>

I don't know whatever happened to the concept, but a professor had a lab-size demonstration a few years ago of a system that accepted ground-up plastic of any type and used (IIRC) fractional distillation to separate the individual component plastics in relatively pure form.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 18:56:42 GMT

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Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

> Gene Wirchenko <genew@telus.net> writes:

>> On 9 Dec 2018 15:51:08 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>>

>>> On 2018-12-09, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>>>> On 9 Dec 2018 13:57:36 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>>>>

>>>> >

>>>> > ?.. What are they, then?..,

>>>>

>>>> They are pellets of wood. "Timber" is great long boards used to make
>>>> buildings and ships and the like.

>>>

>>> To me Timber is wood, harvested.

>>

>> Try a good dictionary. "timber" is wood for structural purposes.

>>

>

> Pavement or sidewalk?

> Timber or lumber?

>

> Two countries separated by the same language.

>

Here "timber" means standing trees.

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Pete

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 19:33:55 GMT

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I'm as neo-luddite as they come, and even I have found win10 to be a reasonably good OS so far. One does have to work through some irritating interface wonkage, but underneath the greasy pockmarked exterior there's a solid OS lurking about.

For the solitaires and such, the win32 binaries from previous editions continue to function just fine. Some binaries must be renamed to be easily invokable.

> Not creating any software of late so don't (yet?) know of any
> version incompatibilities therein.

Outside of Modern-style apps it seems to be largely compatible with 7. Picking up VS to learn "real" WinGUI programming is forever on my to-do list. Java's AWT framework of earlier times seems to work fine, for what little that's worth.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 19:38:00 GMT
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> depleted lithium batteries to dispose of.

I've seen estimates of lifetime all over the map.

The Tesla Model 3 battery is guaranteed to retain 70% capacity for 120,000 miles.

This article:

<http://tinyurl.com/y7yyhz9e>

Claims:

Tesla Batteries Have 90% Capacity After 160,000 Miles, May Last For 500,000 miles

Hopefully they'll be recycled more than disposed of.

Lots of promising technologies are claiming to be making advances.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 19:55:16 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 16:41:14 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 04:01:34 -0700, Peter Flass wrote:

>>

>> songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:

>>> J Clarke wrote:

>>> ...

>>>> Doesn't matter why they don't want them. The Federal budget is 3.8
>>>> trillion dollars. If it was not run by FUCKING IDIOTS they've have
>>>> put _some_ of it into a research program to permit recycling of that
>>>> vast percentage of paper products that are "contaminated with food"
>>>> instead of just burning it all.

>>>

>>> worms will happily eat them up.

>>

>> Stuff that goes into a landfill will last decades or more without decaying,

>> or are you talking about a composting program that doesn't exist?

>
> Thankfully. Wasn't it nice when they dug out old Atari cartridges a few
> years ago from a landfill in New Mexico Atari couldn't sell? ;-)

I read last century in a science fiction story of machines being made
to process landfills. It dug up a landfill, and harvested everything.
Had an onboard crew in case engine problems, something became stuck,
etc.

In the story, they didn't discard anything. The path cleaned was dealt
with in such a way as to get contaminants out of the ground and
ground water, and forest planted as a replacement. Some was turned into
housing.

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Jim

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<jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:
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>> wrote:
>>> J. Clarke wrote:
>>>
>>>> For us leftpondians could you explain "W7" and "W19"?
>>>
>>> I never realised that 0 and 9 weren't adjacent on american keyboards.
>>
>> To use a Spockism, that response is highly illogical.
>
> I finally figured it out.
>
> There is a post just earlier in this thread which has as its author:
> "Gareths was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer"
>
> so the 9 was a typo for 0, and the comment meant: You are actually boasting of
> changing from Windows 7 to Windows 10; how low can you go after that?
>
> John Savard

Ah, Gracias.

--
Jim

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>
> So you can see inside?

Yes, without opening the oven and letting out the heat which would increase cooking time.

--
Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 20:03:55 GMT
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>> Maybe. He's also a sociopathic idiot, but every once in a while he does
>> something good, and balanced reporting should cover both sides.
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> Like Mussolini making the trains run on time?

Yeah, I read up on that last century. He executed people and pretended in speeches that the trains were then running on time.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 20:09:33 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 06:20:13 -0700, Peter Flass
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> Even so. For example, he's increased funding for the military after Obama
> let it languish, and he's upped NASA funding. He's appointed a lot of
> conservative judges, which some may not consider a positive but I feel it
> is a useful corrective to recent leftward drift in the courts.

Funding for NASA has always been a political thing.

And the military personnel barely get anything out of the military

budget. Some of the married guys on my ship had to get food stamps to make ends meet. The military/Pentagon have said they don't need all the things Trump wants to buy for them.

> More so, what I should have added is that CNN covers Trump to the detriment
> of other important stories. It took a major disaster like the California
> wildfires to get Trump out of the news for a couple of weeks. It's

Get Trump to stop making large numbers of moronic tweets and they will have time to cover other things. In case you haven't noticed, their morning shows side with him more often than not. Then he says something incredibly stupid, and they go back to covering him again.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 20:20:02 GMT
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Originally posted by: JimP

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>>>> increase cooking time.
>>>>
>>>> Sorry, I should have made it clearer I was being sarcastic.

Thats quite all right.

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Jim

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 20:21:49 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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Spend the 10 bucks for Solsuite.

<https://www.solsuite.com/>

If you like the Windows 7 solitaire you'll be glad you did. Don't blame me though if whatever productivity you might once have had comes

to a screeching halt.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 20:33:35 GMT
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 20:34:34 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 11:48:28 -0500, songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:

> J Clarke wrote:

> ...

>> So which is it, do the worms eat them or do they need to be recycled?

>> Make up your mind.

>

> worms will eat them when composted in ways that

> are compatible with the worms ability to live but

> landfills do not usually provide those conditions.

>

> in my own small scale worm farm and out in the

> gardens cardboard is easily consumed by worms and

> it makes a great material for using to smother

> weeds for the short term. if it has a little grease

> on it there's little problem with that.

That's nice. Now implement that for New York City.

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> moot.

In the case of f), it works its way back up from bacteria, although
there are some comets et al large enough thats not possible. Or there
is some Cosmic Plan we Terrans don't know about and someone comes in,
fixes things up, and brings some folks we might had invited or not
invited for dinner, and they start over again.

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Jim

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 21:06:33 GMT
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Present position recalls Bydantium Vs. Persia back before the rise of Islam. Both had exhausted each other with rivalry and had pushed tax to an extreme extent. When the Muslims arrived, the subject populations of both empires had enough, and accepted the Invading Muslims.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

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However the grid attached cells and the car cells are not the same design, among other things weight is not a consideration for the grid attached cells.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith

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| licences available see

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 21:50:06 GMT

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On 16 Dec 2018 22:48:04 GMT, Huge wrote:

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> On 2018-12-16, Scott <nobody@example.org> wrote:

>> On 16 Dec 2018 11:35:11 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
>
> [21 lines snipped]
>
>>> If you think they last 25 years, I have a bridge you might want to buy. I'm
>>> getting ~18 months out of the supermarket "bulbs" I've been buying. And
>>> they're \$10. I return them for a refund.
>>
>> I wonder if your unhappy experiences could be related to a dodgy
>> electrical supply?
>
> Naah. Shitty supermarket bulbs. All the others have been going for years.
> Part of me thinks they make them last just long enough such that most people
> forget how old they are and just buy new ones. They don't reckon on cranky
> old fuckers like me keeping track.

Look where they were manufactured. If in China it might be rubbish.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments
<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
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>>> Please, enlighten us with your Wisdom by conveying at least one
>>> instance where the idiot-in-chief has done anything good
>>> (on purpose, rather than by not doing something bad).
>>>
>>
>> See previous post. I'm not including tax cuts, because I wanted actual
>> reform, not what we got.

>
> That's something that neither side ever addresses

Actually, they did address it in the late 90's and it was working; quite well. It was GWB that blew everything with his tax cuts, which were criminally stupid. The latest round of corporate gifts were insane, and will, indeed lead to ruin in the short run, rather than the long run.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 21:53:03 GMT
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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 18:32:11 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments
<https://news-commentaries.blogspot.com/>

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>>>
>>> Presumably the lifespan is not infinite. What's going to happen down the
>>> road? Between this and electric cars we're going to wind up with a lot of
>>> depleted lithium batteries to dispose of.
>>
>> I've seen estimates of lifetime all over the map.
>> The Tesla Model 3 battery is guaranteed to retain 70% capacity for
>> 120,000 miles.
>
> At 30 mph that works out to being down to 70% after 180 days of
> continuous operation.

More goalpost shifting?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 22:08:32 GMT
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JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> writes:

> On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 15:33:35 -0500, J. Clarke
>
>> That's something that neither side ever addresses--the government
>> just keeps growing and will continue to do so until (a) it is
>> taking 100 percent of everybody's income and there isn't more to
>> take or (b) its creditors force it into bankruptcy, or (c) it is
>> conquered and some other country's system is put in place or (d) it
>> is overthrown by a successful rebellion or (e) politicians evolve
>> into sentient life or (f) there is an extinction-level event and
>> the whole issue becomes moot.
>
> In the case of f), it works its way back up from bacteria, although
> there are some comets et al large enough thats not possible. Or there
> is some Cosmic Plan we Terrans don't know about and someone comes in,

> fixes things up...

To drift away from the political, now's the time to (re)read
Heinlein's 1942 story, The Unpleasant Profession of Jonathan Hoag.

Where is the Art Critic when we need him?

> ...and brings some folks we might had invited or not invited for
> dinner, and they start over again.

--

Mike Spencer Nova Scotia, Canada

"In the beginning was The Bird." Or maybe not.

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Probably regional. I've never seen a home oven _without_ a light, unless
it was burnt out (or the bulb was stuck when someone tried to remove it and
only the filament mount and base are present).

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 23:07:33 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 16:50:06 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On 16 Dec 2018 22:48:04 GMT, Huge wrote:

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>> On 2018-12-16, Scott <nobody@example.org> wrote:

>>> On 16 Dec 2018 11:35:11 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

>>

>> [21 lines snipped]

>>

>>>> If you think they last 25 years, I have a bridge you might want to buy. I'm
>>>> getting ~18 months out of the supermarket "bulbs" I've been buying. And
>>>> they're \$10. I return them for a refund.

>>>

>>> I wonder if your unhappy experiences could be related to a dodgy

>>> electrical supply?

>>

>> Naah. Shitty supermarket bulbs. All the others have been going for years.

>> Part of me thinks they make them last just long enough such that most people

>> forget how old they are and just buy new ones. They don't reckon on cranky

>> old fuckers like me keeping track.

>

> Look where they were manufactured. If in China it might be rubbish.

Not really an indicator of anything anymore. The Chinese are capable of very high quality work however the contract has to define every jot and tittle of what constitutes "high quality" because they're going to make the minimum effort necessary to meet the contract.

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You don't cook, do you?

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Only if it has a window in the door.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 23:10:08 GMT
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On Tue, 11 Dec 2018 07:02:07 +0000, AndyW <Andy@nojunqmail.com> wrote:

> On 10/12/2018 10:34, Huge wrote:
>
>> This is called "pollarding", and is a technique that dates back to medieval
>> times.
>
> Thanks I could not remember the word and google is not good when your
> question is "what is the name for that technique when you cut a tree but
> not all the tree, just the top bit and it regrows.....waffle ad infinitum"

Yes, keyword searches do not work too well when it is the keyword
one is searching for.

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 23:23:33 GMT

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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 20:57:50 -0500, Joy Beeson

<jbeeson@invalid.net.invalid> wrote:

[snip]

> I'd say I've been carrying dog repellent clipped to my back pocket
> ever since, but twenty years ago I moved to an area where people don't
> store their dogs in the street when they are not using them, and I
> haven't needed to fend off an attack since.

Lovely wording.

[snip]

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Gene Wirchenko

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Mon, 17 Dec 2018 23:37:30 GMT

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On Fri, 14 Dec 2018 23:16:25 GMT, scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal)
wrote:

> hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 00:08:27 GMT
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Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:

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>>> Like Mussolini making the trains run on time?
>>
>> Yeah, I read up on that last century. He executed people and pretended
>> in speeches that the trains were then running on time.
>
> Oh, it wasn't true.

It was an alternate fact.

--

Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 00:19:46 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 15:37:30 -0800, Gene Wirchenko <genew@telus.net> wrote:

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This is a subtle side-effect issue. My bathroom was noticeable warmer in the winter before I replaced 360 watts of incandescent heat with 54 watts of LED heat.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 00:40:53 GMT

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Originally posted by: songbird

J Clarke wrote:

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> That's nice. Now implement that for New York City.

<https://www.lohud.com/story/news/2018/12/12/rye-city-start-trial-composting-program/2143263002/>

EOT for me. lata...

songbird

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 00:45:49 GMT
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On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 5:47:12 AM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:

> Landfills aren't designed to degrade the contents, only store them for a
> few centuries. They have waterproof (and presumably airtight) plastic and
> clay linings, and each day's deposits are covered with a layer of dirt.
> When a section fills up it is capped with a plastic sheet and buried under
> a layer of dirt.

Some landfills supply gas for heating. However, I'm told that is
of low BTU.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 00:48:31 GMT
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My oven and refrigerator use something called an "appliance bulb"
(40W). Since those lamps run so infrequently, they last an extremely
long time. I can't remember when I had to replace one of them.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 01:11:21 GMT
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On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 9:40:53 AM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:

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> It's not _insignificant_.

In most cases, home _lighting_ isn't all that significant relative to other energy uses, like HVAC, cooking, etc. Yes, I know some large single house owners who have bright exterior lights--they would save money and energy by replacing those multiple 150W flood lights with FLDs or LEDs. But normal home use--some savings, but not all that much in the grand scheme of things. (Things like the kitchen have long been fluorescent.)

Now, in offices, where the lights burn a much longer time and there are many more of them, stand to save money. That's why years ago many office buildings converted hallways and stairs to fluorescents. Heck, in my building, they converted in an inefficient 150W "high hat" fixture to a brighter 40 W circle tube.

>>>> A big problem with alternative energy sources, like wind and solar,
>>>> is that they simply don't have enough capacity to meet full demand.

>>>

>>> Most rational thinkers believe that a mix of generation sources
>>> are required for very obvious reasons. Nobody with 4 brain
>>> cells believes that solar and wind alone can supplant all existing
>>> generation; however, they can supplant a very significant fraction
>>> of it (Germany is a good example at 38% from renewables, and increasing
>>> significantly each of the last three years).

>>

>> Well, a lot of environmentalists apparently have less than 4 brain

>

> Actually, that's not the case. Various republicans have made that
> claim enough times that it has become a meme. But it's never been

> true.

I believe in conservation and have talked to many people on both sides of the aisle. Generally, Republicans discredit the whole thing, claiming it is nothing by liberal claptrap. As mentioned, Republicans think it is their gawdgiven right to drive a big fat SUV and burn as much oil as they want.

Unfortunately, on the flip side, many environmentalists are equally clueless and frustrating to deal with. They have no concept of numbers. They simply don't understand that if you want to close down a 500MW power plant, you're gonna need 500MW of dependable consistent power from another source, and solar and wind ain't gonna cut it. They also don't get that the power company has invested a heck of a lot of money into that power plant and naturally doesn't want to throw out their investment.

They had a self-appointed "river keeper" make a speech, showing up in her very tiny car. Now, if she can get along in a very tiny car, great for her, but not everyone, such as a family, can do so. Yes, a lot of people drove unnecessarily big fat SUVs or pickup trucks, but expecting a family to squeeze into a VW Beetle isn't practical either.

I remember a neighbor who was a salesman. He drove around a big fat Buick. But his trunk was filled with merchandise. Also, since he basically lived out of his car, it was reasonable for him to be in something nice all day long, which environmentalists don't get. (Just as conservatives don't get that maybe a suburban housewife who drives back and forth to the supermarket might not need such a big fat Buick.)

>> Modern policy has hit the traditional power companies hard. As a
>> result, they've cut back on maintenance.

>

> Modern republican ideas about business (and demands from wall
> street for profits) have caused them to cut back on maintenance.

>

> Don't blame conservation for idiot fiscal policies at the top.

Environmentalists have fought against legitimate power generation infrastructure. No good came out of that. They pressured the PUC to make stupid policies.

For instance, one area homeowners can save a lot of money is through re-insulation and replacement windows. But that's expensive. What

has environmentalists done to educate homeowners about options on that? In my area, not a damn thing.

>> Further, the national grid is being used in ways never intended,
>> making it far more vulnerable to massive failure. Given population
>> growth, it needs a lot of expansion and modernization which it isn't
>> getting.

>
> That's hard to argue with, but you address that by fixing it, not
> by discouraging renewable energy sources.

I don't want to discourage renewable energy sources. I just want to be realistic about them--what they can actually do and what they actually will cost. In my humble opinion, they still have a long way to go in development.

>> Power stability is especially tricky since power is hard to store.
>
> Which is why, for example, South Australia just installed a huge Tesla
> battery system on their grid - it's been working wonderfully.

Well, if it is truly working out well and economical, let's bring it to the US. We certainly need it.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 01:15:47 GMT
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On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 10:44:09 AM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:

>>> Which is why, for example, South Australia just installed a huge Tesla
>>> battery system on their grid - it's been working wonderfully.
>>
>> It supplies power for what, 8 minutes? It's there to cover while a real
>> power station is run up, should there be a lull in the supply from
>> renewables.
>
> All the online articles I find rave about the batteries.
> Australia is buying more.

Eight minutes might be enough time to provide a buffer while power engineers switch and reroute power if a major source fails. (I am not an engineer).

Of course, a traditional power plant takes a heck of a lot longer than eight minutes to bring up. I think the jet turbine units come up pretty fast, but still may need more time than that.

The turbine units are pretty flexible and we probably should have a lot more of them all over the place. The problem is that the power companies don't like that since it represents a waste of capital on idle capacity, and, they are very fuel-expensive. Environmentalists hate them. But some power engineers told me when they have those super hot summer days and consumption is at a record, those turbines save the day.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 01:22:01 GMT
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On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 9:10:33 AM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:

> Wow, god forbid that you should take an extra 30 seconds to
> consider what you discard (or think about it before purchasing).

Today at lunch in the cafeteria I timed it. My friend required all of 2 seconds to discard his soda can in the recycling bin while discarding his other trash in the main bin.

I don't think 2 seconds is much to ask.

By the way, this places sells Arizona Iced Tea, which still comes in glass. (The soda comes in cans.) Both cans and glass are 100% recyclable. There is no reason whatsoever why those particular items shouldn't be recycled. Yet some Republicans disdainfully toss their bottles and cans in the regular trash out of spite.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 01:26:19 GMT
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On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 8:57:28 AM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:

>> Democracy requires a certain minimum intelligence among the populace
>> to enable sensible choices to be made. I fear that the median intelligence
>> of the peepul is falling below that level.
>
> Yes, thanks to the Republicans watering down education.

You have no idea what's going on in some places. They have these old farts who managed to take control of local school boards or got other reactionaries to take control and they've dumbed down the curriculum to match _their_ perceptions of history, even science and math.

Unfortunately, in some cities, the reverse is going on, too. The revised city school history claimed city schools used to be racially segregated. I had photographic proof that was a lie and presented it, and in some cases, I had personal experience it was lie. They didn't like being shown up like that.

This is what I mean by society going extremist.

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 01:26:51 GMT
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On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 8:56:17 AM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:

> I agree that Obama has been the best president since, perhaps,
> FDR. Certainly better than anyone after Nixon.

+1

> McConnell will go down in history as the worst senator ever
> for his total disregard for the good of the country.

+1

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>> instance, in my area, they used to trim trees back away from their
>> lines every year. Now they only do that every five years. As a
>> result even minor storms result in failures since tree limbs fall

>> on the lines. It takes a long time to repair.
>
> Gee, I had a check to make sure I hadn't written that. Only here they
> haven't done tree trimming for decades save in occasional small spots.
> Normal Nova Scotia inclement weather now predictably causes scattered
> or wide outages. People who should know the in-house gossip say the
> high tension towers are even more vulnerable, some of which will fail
> spectacularly in the foreseeable future.
>
> But I don't understand how "modern policy" has effected that. I see
> it as simply increased short-term profit. The "internal diseconomy"
> of maintenance is externalized as a cost to users. Even with wood
> heat and hand-pumped water, we have to have a gen set to maintain
> freezers and fridge in prolonged outages. More typical rural
> households lose heat, water and cooking as well as refrigeration in an
> outage.

Modern policy separated out generation from distribution. They also put a lot more focus on the electric rates, which used to cover all expenses rolled together. We were lucky in our area; in some areas the new policies were so onerous that power supply got screwed up.

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> would save money and energy by replacing those multiple 150W flood
> lights with FLDs or LEDs. But normal home use--some savings, but
> not all that much in the grand scheme of things. (Things like
> the kitchen have long been fluorescent.)
>
> Now, in offices, where the lights burn a much longer time and there
> are many more of them, stand to save money. That's why years ago
> many office buildings converted hallways and stairs to fluorescents.
> Heck, in my building, they converted in an inefficient 150W "high hat"
> fixture to a brighter 40 W circle tube.
>
>
>>>> >A big problem with alternative energy sources, like wind and solar,
>>>> >is that they simply don't have enough capacity to meet full demand.
>>>>
>>>> Most rational thinkers believe that a mix of generation sources
>>>> are required for very obvious reasons. Nobody with 4 brain
>>>> cells believes that solar and wind alone can supplant all existing
>>>> generation; however, they can supplant a very significant fraction
>>>> of it (Germany is a good example at 38% from renewables, and increasing
>>>> significantly each of the last three years).
>>>
>>> Well, a lot of environmentalists apparently have less than 4 brain
>>
>> Actually, that's not the case. Various republicans have made that
>> claim enough times that it has become a meme. But it's never been
>> true.
>
> I believe in conservation and have talked to many people on both
> sides of the aisle. Generally, Republicans discredit the whole thing,
> claiming it is nothing by liberal claptrap. As mentioned, Republicans

> think it is their gawdgiven right to drive a big fat SUV and burn as
> much oil as they want.

I believe that Al Gore is a Democrat. Note that he not only considers
it his gawdgiven right to drive a big fat SUV but also to be
accompanied by an entourage of them when he's not flying his big fat
private jet. So I guess that that description applies to all the
other 40 some odd million registered Democrats.

> Unfortunately, on the flip side, many environmentalists are equally
> clueless and frustrating to deal with. They have no concept of numbers.
> They simply don't understand that if you want to close down a 500MW
> power plant, you're gonna need 500MW of dependable consistent power
> from another source, and solar and wind ain't gonna cut it. They
> also don't get that the power company has invested a heck of a lot
> of money into that power plant and naturally doesn't want to throw
> out their investment.

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> (Just as conservatives don't get that maybe a suburban housewife
> who drives back and forth to the supermarket might not need such
> a big fat Buick.)

No, she needs something that will hold groceries for a family though.

>>> Modern policy has hit the traditional power companies hard. As a
>>> result, they've cut back on maintenance.

>>
>> Modern republican ideas about business (and demands from wall
>> street for profits) have caused them to cut back on maintenance.

>>
>> Don't blame conservation for idiot fiscal policies at the top.

>
> Environmentalists have fought against legitimate power generation
> infrastructure. No good came out of that. They pressured the PUC
> to make stupid policies.

>
> For instance, one area homeowners can save a lot of money is through

> re-insulation and replacement windows. But that's expensive. What
> has environmentalists done to educate homeowners about options on
> that? In my area, not a damn thing.
>
>
>>> Further, the national grid is being used in ways never intended,
>>> making it far more vulnerable to massive failure. Given population
>>> growth, it needs a lot of expansion and modernization which it isn't
>>> getting.
>>
>> That's hard to argue with, but you address that by fixing it, not
>> by discouraging renewable energy sources.
>
> I don't want to discourage renewable energy sources. I just want to
> be realistic about them--what they can actually do and what they
> actually will cost. In my humble opinion, they still have a long
> way to go in development.
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>
>>> Power stability is especially tricky since power is hard to store.
>>
>> Which is why, for example, South Australia just installed a huge Tesla
>> battery system on their grid - it's been working wonderfully.
>
> Well, if it is truly working out well and economical, let's bring
> it to the US. We certainly need it.

It's been in service for a little over a year. Let's see how it
stands up before we go rushing to replace all the peaking plants.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 01:41:15 GMT
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On Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 7:00:11 AM UTC-5, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

> Figures, the advertised burn time on LED lighting tends to be the
> expected life of the LED chips when run in spec (in particular temperature
> spec) before they drop to 80% (IIRC). For most LED fittings they are by far
> the most reliable component.

They replaced the yellow big lamps in a parking lot with LED's.
Soon after installation four fixtures were dead.

I have no idea of the energy consumption of large outdoor lamps
between incandescent, mercury vapor (bluish white), sodium vapor

(yellow orange), and LED. I'm _guessing_ sodium vapor is the most efficient since that is most common despite it being ugly.

I remember in the 1960s mercury vapor came out and there was a big rush to replace all the incandescents. I'm guessing they weren't very efficient, though a few hung around in obscure places for years afterwards.

I also remember in the 1950s some towns put up fluorescent tubes in streetlights. You can see them in old pictures (often those of racial trouble). But they didn't seem to last too long.

As mentioned, a lot of suburban homeowners used 150W floodlights for outdoor use. A very few had mercury vapor lights, but not many. I'm guessing that wasn't efficient unless one had a very big property.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 01:42:14 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:22:01 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

> On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 9:10:33 AM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:

>

>> Wow, god forbid that you should take an extra 30 seconds to
>> consider what you discard (or think about it before purchasing).

>

> Today at lunch in the cafeteria I timed it. My friend required
> all of 2 seconds to discard his soda can in the recycling bin
> while discarding his other trash in the main bin.

>

> I don't think 2 seconds is much to ask.

>

> By the way, this places sells Arizona Iced Tea, which still comes
> in glass. (The soda comes in cans.) Both cans and glass are 100%
> recyclable. There is no reason whatsoever why those particular
> items shouldn't be recycled. Yet some Republicans disdainfully toss
> their bottles and cans in the regular trash out of spite.

So why do Democrats toss their cans and bottles in the regular trash?

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 01:44:18 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:32:37 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

> On Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 3:13:03 AM UTC-5, Mike Spencer wrote:

>> hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

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>>> Modern policy has hit the traditional power companies hard. As a
>>> result, they've cut back on maintenance. Power failures take
>>> longer to repair, and they're not as well equipped to deal with
>>> big outages. They fail to due to preventive maintenance. For
>>> instance, in my area, they used to trim trees back away from their
>>> lines every year. Now they only do that every five years. As a
>>> result even minor storms result in failures since tree limbs fall
>>> on the lines. It takes a long time to repair.

>>

>> Gee, I hadda check to make sure I hadn't written that. Only here they
>> haven't done tree trimming for decades save in occasional small spots.
>> Normal Nova Scotia inclement weather now predictably causes scattered
>> or wide outages. People who should know the in-house gossip say the
>> high tension towers are even more vulnerable, some of which will fail
>> spectaclarly in the foreseeable future.

>>

>> But I don't inderstand how "modern policy" has effected that. I see
>> it as simply increased short-term profit. The "internal diseconomy"
>> of maintenance is externalized as a cost to users. Even with wood
>> heat and hand-pumped water, we have to have a gen set to maintain
>> freezers and fridge in prolonged outages. More typical rural
>> households lose heat, water and cooking as well as refrigeration in an
>> outage.

>

> Modern policy separated out generation from distribution. They
> also put a lot more focus on the electric rates, which used to
> cover all expenses rolled together. We were lucky in our area;
> in some areas they new policies were so onerous that power
> supply got screwed up.

One of the most whackadoodle arrangements is the introduction of a middle man who buys power from the generating company and sells it to the end user and the idiotic politicians think that that's going to be cheaper than the end user buying it from the generating company directly.

Of course the people who favor this will come up with all kinds of bullshit which mostly proves that they do not have the slightest clue

how electric current works.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 02:43:59 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 19:40:53 -0500, songbird <songbird@anthive.com> wrote:

> J Clarke wrote:

> ...

>> That's nice. Now implement that for New York City.

>

> <https://www.lohud.com/story/news/2018/12/12/rye-city-start-trial-composting-program/2143263002/>

>

> EOT for me. lata...

"The program will be capped at 150 households".

Population of New York Metropolitan Area, approximately 21,000,000.

Sorry, but your link does not come anywhere close to even pretending to meet the specification.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 03:57:29 GMT

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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

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I lived in NYC for 30 years with a compost pile in the back yard.
Sadly, the properties where I lived are now too urban for that.

Most single or two family buildings could manage one.
Collecting compost in NYC from apartments would be hard.
It's not like compost is in short supply.

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Dan Espen

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Andrew Swallow](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 04:57:33 GMT
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On 18/12/2018 00:08, Dan Espen wrote:

> Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> writes:
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>> On 2018-12-17, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
>>> On 17 Dec 2018 11:28:09 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:
>>>> On 2018-12-17, Peter Flass <peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:
>>>> > JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>>> [33 lines snipped]
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>>>> >>
>>>> >> Because orange one is a big time criminal.
>>>> >
>>>> > Maybe. He's also a sociopathic idiot, but every once in a while he does
>>>> > something good, and balanced reporting should cover both sides.
>>>>
>>>> Like Mussolini making the trains run on time?
>>>
>>> Yeah, I read up on that last century. He executed people and pretended
>>> in speeches that the trains were then running on time.
>>
>> Oh, it wasn't true.
>
> It was an alternate fact.
>

Mussolini's people repair the tracks and then recorded the times the trains turned up. The trains did not run on time but the timetable was fairly accurate at predicting when a train would turn up. This was useful to most people.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 08:08:41 GMT

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On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 19:19:46 -0500, J. Clarke

<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 15:37:30 -0800, Gene Wirchenko <genew@telus.net>
> wrote:

>

>> On Fri, 14 Dec 2018 23:16:25 GMT, scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal)

>> wrote:

[snip]

>>> 75% less energy usage for equivalent lumens is trivial?

>>

>> Actually, I note that the so-called equivalents give off fewer
>> lumens. It appears to be about 10%, and for me, is quite notable. I
>> also use lights more in the cold weather, and the heat given off by
>> the old bulbs is close to where I am sitting.

>

> This is a subtle side-effect issue. My bathroom was noticeable warmer
> in the winter before I replaced 360 watts of incandescent heat with 54
> watts of LED heat.

It is subtle. Since there is little breeze in my home, the lightbulb-generated heat sticks around me. Yes, I do have central heat, but I have the heat set higher now that I do not have incandescent bulbs.

There was another case where incandescent bulbs' heat was a useful -- though maybe unintended -- side-effect. See RISKS. Go to <http://catless.ncl.ac.uk/Risks/> and search for "LED traffic lights". In short, the bulbs were melting away snow so the lights could be seen.

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 08:23:50 GMT

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On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:15:47 -0800 (PST)

hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

> On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 10:44:09 AM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:

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>>> real power station is run up, should there be a lull in the supply

>>> from renewables.

>>

>> All the online articles I find rave about the batteries.

>> Australia is buying more.

>

> Eight minutes might be enough time to provide a buffer while

> power engineers switch and reroute power if a major source fails.

> (I am not an engineer).

Over an hour (which is what it actually provides) is apparently enough to stop them needing to buy energy from expensive gas turbine plants and recently to drop a requirement for 35MW of standby gas turbine capacity.

< <https://cleantechnica.com/2018/10/08/teslas-battery-in-south-australia-breaks-stranglehold-of-natural-gas-industry/> >

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> watts of LED heat.

How big is your bathroom ? My kitchen (6.5m x 4.5m - call it 300 square foot) only takes 60 watts of LEDs to make it day bright, the bathrooms (much smaller) run on far less.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 08:51:10 GMT

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On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 20:44:18 -0500

J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

- > One of the most whackadoodle arrangements is the introduction of a
- > middle man who buys power from the generating company and sells it to
- > the end user

What would be called a retailer in any other sector.

- > and the idiotic politicians think that that's going to be
- > cheaper than the end user buying it from the generating company
- > directly.

How many sectors operate by having customers buy direct from the producer ? Generally there is production, wholesale and retail.

- > Of course the people who favor this will come up with all kinds of
- > bullshit which mostly proves that they do not have the slightest clue
- > how electric current works.

Nothing to do with how electric current works and everything to do with how business works. If the generating company only sells to a handful of middlemen they're billing/accounting setup becomes vastly smaller and they get to concentrate on generating. The middleman OTOH is nothing but billing and accounting.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 11:25:46 GMT

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On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:41:15 -0800 (PST)

hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

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- > between incandescent, mercury vapor (bluish white), sodium vapor
- > (yellow orange), and LED. I'm _guessing_ sodium vapor is the
- > most efficient since that is most common despite it being ugly.

Until very recently HID lighting of various kinds including sodium vapour was the most efficient form of lighting. A few years ago the top end of LED efficiency past it and now good mass produced LED chips are much more efficient (topping 200 lumens per watt[1] at the chip level vs about 170 for sodium vapour at the bulb level - both have driving losses). The high colour temperature (blue/white) LEDs are the most efficient but the more pleasant (yellow/white) LEDs aren't far behind.

[1] They're even more efficient if you run them below rated current. The LEDs in my strip lights are rated at 0.5W per chip, but are running at less than 0.1W.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 11:31:55 GMT

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On 18 Dec 2018 09:26:20 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

- > OK, I was wrong - it's just over an hour. But the point still stands.

You still are.

- > The battery station that lots of people are bigging up as the solution
- > to intermittency from renewables is no such thing. It's to cover the gap

That's not what this one was installed for.

- > when the supply from renewables dips below requirements and while either

- > a real power station is spun up to provide the supply or the clouds go
- > away and renewables come back. Yes, it works, but now instead of one
- > power station, we've had to build three.

One of the benefits they get from the battery is not needing the expensive fast response gas turbine generators, with the battery they can wait while the slower responding resources ramp up, the load goes away or the wind/sun picks up without burning gas. The other main benefit they derive from it is buying up energy when it is cheap and using it when they'd have to pay more for it.

Analysed in detail in the links elesthread - general conclusion
battery vs gas turbine - battery wins hands down.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [scott](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 13:52:35 GMT
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Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> writes:
> On 12/17/2018 5:07 PM, J. Clarke wrote:

- >>
- >> Not really an indicator of anything anymore. The Chinese are capable
- >> of very high quality work however the contract has to define every jot
- >> and tittle of what constitutes "high quality" because they're going to
- >> make the minimum effort necessary to meet the contract.
- >>
- > Of course the Chinese are capable of high-quality work. But that's not
- > what they're contracted for.

Which isn't their fault.

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 14:00:00 GMT
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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:
> On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 17:11:21 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:
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Besides, most families don't own more than two cars. You need a car that supports the worst-case use. If the little woman mostly drives to the grocery store or hairdresser but occasionally has to haul several members of her son's hockey team plus all their gear, then she needs the bigger car. If she had several of varying sizes and means of propulsion, then maybe she could choose the most appropriate for the job.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 14:25:02 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 18 Dec 2018 07:00:00 -0700, Peter Flass
<peter_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

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The big fat SUVs are in any case an unintended consequence of fuel economy laws. Used to be that many families had a station wagon. A station wagon, however, is necessarily a fairly large vehicle that gets socked with a "gas guzzler" tax. So the car manufacturers quit making them.

Meanwhile, having recognized that they would not be reelected if they put a "gas guzzler tax" on 18 wheelers and buses, the Congress set a cutoff on the tax for commercial vehicles. However they did not decide what was a "commercial vehicle" by actual usage but by defining the characteristics. So the carmakers designed a station wagon substitute that met the definition of "commercial vehicle" and that is the "fat ass SUV". And it's bigger and heavier and thirstier than a station wagon.

Note that at this point some idiot usually pipes up with "but they still make station wagons". Yes, the European manufacturers still make station wagons, which are not ludicrously taxed in the EU and other places, and they sell them in the US and pay the gas-guzzler tax on them.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 14:48:25 GMT
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The sad thing is that the big fat SUVs are turning up on this side
of the pond where they are of no benefit whatsoever - there are no tax
breaks, they guzzle fuel and they're too big for our twisty back roads but
people still buy them, they're fashionable.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 16:21:18 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On 17 Dec 2018 18:08:32 -0400, Mike Spencer

<mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere> wrote:

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> JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> writes:

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>> On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 15:33:35 -0500, J. Clarke

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>>> into sentient life or (f) there is an extinction-level event and

>>> the whole issue becomes moot.

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>> In the case of f), it works its way back up from bacteria, although

>> there are some comets et al large enough thats not possible. Or there

>> is some Cosmic Plan we Terrans don't know about and someone comes in,

>> fixes things up...

>

> To drift away from the political, now's the time to (re)read

> Heinlein's 1942 story, The Unpleasant Profession of Jonathan Hoag.

>

> Where is the Art Critic when we need him?

I read that story about 1954. It is interestnig.

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Jim

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 16:24:52 GMT

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> I know and understand the motivations of corporations (and largely agree
> with them); make money. Governments, much less so. I strongly disagree
> with making adults do things "for their own good", and I largely agree
> with P.J. O'Rourke's comment that "politics is obtaining power and
> privilege without merit". Politicians are utterly convinced that they
> can run your life (and in particular, spend your money) better than you
> can. Nearly always, they're wrong.

>

>

Someone, sometime,

"Politics is the last refuge of the scoundrel."

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 17:29:17 GMT
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 18 Dec 2018 15:31:37 +0000, Andrew Swallow
<am.swallow@btinternet.com> wrote:

> On 18/12/2018 09:26, Huge wrote:
>> On 2018-12-18, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:
>>> On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 10:44:09 AM UTC-5, Dan Espen wrote:
>>>>
>>>> >> Which is why, for example, South Australia just installed a huge Tesla
>>>> >> battery system on their grid - it's been working wonderfully.

>>>> >
>>>> > It supplies power for what, 8 minutes? It's there to cover while a real
>>>> > power station is run up, should there be a lull in the supply from
>>>> > renewables.
>>>>
>>>> All the online articles I find rave about the batteries.
>>>> Australia is buying more.
>>>
>>> Eight minutes might be enough time to provide a buffer while
>>> power engineers switch and reroute power if a major source fails.
>>> (I am not an engineer).
>>
>> OK, I was wrong - it's just over an hour. But the point still stands.
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>> to intermittency from renewables is no such thing. It's to cover the gap
>> when the supply from renewables dips below requirements and while either
>> a real power station is spun up to provide the supply or the clouds go
>> away and renewables come back. Yes, it works, but now instead of one
>> power station, we've had to build three.
>>
>> It wouldn't work in a cloudy Northern European country in the winter.
>>
>> And like you (I think) I'm tired of greenies who can't count.
>>
>>
> In the European winter the batteries will be used whilst TVs are showing
> adverts. During the adverts people get up from their chairs and put
> electric kettles and kitchen lights on.

And what do they do for heat?

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?
Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 17:29:48 GMT
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In theory, there's no difference between theory and practice.  
In practice, there is.  
-- Yogi Berra

There seem to be a lot of politicians who exist purely for their  
own greed. There are others who are owned by the corporations  
they're supposed to be protecting us from.

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On 2018-12-18, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:

> On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 8:56:17 AM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:  
>  
>> I agree that Obama has been the best president since, perhaps,  
>> FDR. Certainly better than anyone after Nixon.  
>  
> +1  
>  
>  
>> McConnell will go down in history as the worst senator ever  
>> for his total disregard for the good of the country.  
>  
> +1

Let's face it, anyone who would filibuster his own bill  
rates pretty high on the buffoonery scale.

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On 2018-12-18, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com < Hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com > wrote:

> On Monday, December 17, 2018 at 9:10:33 AM UTC-5, Scott Lurndal wrote:  
>  
>> Wow, god forbid that you should take an extra 30 seconds to  
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>  
> Today at lunch in the cafeteria I timed it. My friend required  
> all of 2 seconds to discard his soda can in the recycling bin  
> while discarding his other trash in the main bin.  
>  
> I don't think 2 seconds is much to ask.

It depends on who you ask. I'll always remember walking down a street behind someone who had a piece of litter in his hand while passing a trash bin. Unfortunately, the bin was on the wrong side, so the litter went onto the sidewalk.

Some people just haven't been housebroken.

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So when was the last time a stock Land Rover completed the Rubicon?

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 19:56:42 GMT

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On Tue, 18 Dec 2018 12:30:27 -0600

Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:

> On 12/17/2018 6:19 PM, J. Clarke wrote:

>> This is a subtle side-effect issue. My bathroom was noticeable warmer  
>> in the winter before I replaced 360 watts of incandescent heat with 54  
>> watts of LED heat.  
>>  
> Easily dealt with, though. I put an electric space heater into mine,  
> so I can goose the heat those few hours a week when it's needed  
> (bathtime). The rest of the time, the bathroom is at about 53F, same  
> as the rest of the house in winter.

Brrr, that's a bit under 12C, I keep the whole house at 21C.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 20:23:52 GMT  
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On 18 Dec 2018 19:58:47 GMT  
Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-18, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:  
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> Oh, look, the very same reason you claimed I was wrong about, some  
> 17 lines above.

Gas turbines are a normal part of the mix with or without  
renewables, they're there to accomodate demand fluctuating faster than  
other sources can ramp up to handle. The battery serves the same purpose but  
does it better and cheaper.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 20:30:53 GMT

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On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 18:07:33 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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> On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 16:50:06 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:  
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [scott](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 20:41:24 GMT

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Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> writes:

> On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 18:07:33 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 20:55:40 GMT  
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On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 18:08:21 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:  
>  
> On Mon, 17 Dec 2018 16:53:03 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:  
>  
>> The browning time is known already from experience. You don't even have  
>> to look at it. Otherwise, open the door and look, although some heat  
>> might escape.  
>  
> You don't cook, do you?  
>  
>> Still none of the ovens I owned ever had a light bulb. Seems to not be an  
>> essential item for ovens.  
>

> Only if it has a window in the door.

Ah okay. I understand now. Most (all?) of my ovens did not have a window. Then of course you don't need a light bulb. That's what you get when you rent a cheap apartment...

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 21:35:05 GMT

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You might be right. Let's wait until this one burns out and how long the second last. Still might be not enough data to tell if American or Chinese products in the low budget sector have the better quality.

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> The food court of a mall here was refurbished. When they opened again it  
> seems they put a policy into place to use plastic plates and cups instead  
> of made from cardboard. Suppose the policy of MacDonald's doesn't comply  
> with that so they are no longer part of the food court.

They are idiots if they have that policy. McDonalds at one point was using plastic for everything, with the intent that they, McDonalds, would recycle it all. The government told them that they couldn't recycle it because it was "contaminated with food" (note, this was to be in McDonalds' own facilities where presumably they had worked out the issued with removing contaminants during recycling) so they said "screw it" and went back to paper.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 22:08:58 GMT  
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On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 3:30:54 PM UTC-5, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

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Given my experience, I suspect manufacturers have different lines for sale in different stores. The big box stores demand big discounts from vendors, and some vendors cut back on quality to comply, or lose a big customer. This was documented in the case of Walmart. Light bulbs I bought at a big box store were crap.

Anyway, this makes it a bitch for consumers since we generally have no idea what we're getting. Brand names don't mean much these days.

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 22:14:06 GMT  
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On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00:02 AM UTC-5, Ahem A Rivet's Shot wrote:

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- > expensive fast response gas turbine generators, with the battery they can
- > wait while the slower responding resources ramp up, the load goes away or
- > the wind/sun picks up without burning gas. The other main benefit they
- > derive from it is buying up energy when it is cheap and using it when
- > they'd have to pay more for it.
- >
- > Analysed in detail in the links elesthead - general conclusion
- > battery vs gas turbine - battery wins hands down.

My big concern is power reliability, not so much saving money for the power company.

A battery will run out. A generator lasts for its fuel load, and that's generally significantly longer than a battery can supply.

Heck, for years the phone company used big batteries, but had diesel generators for backup. I'm guessing a diesel generator is a lot cheaper.

Another area we need a lot more investment is the grid itself. We need a lot more backup lines. So if a tree hits a line or a car hits a pole, 50,000 people don't get knocked out for 24 hours.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 22:21:37 GMT

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On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00:02 AM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:

> Besides, most families don't own more than two cars. You need a car that  
> supports the worst-case use. If the little woman mostly drives to the  
> grocery store or hairdresser but occasionally has to haul several members  
> of her son's hockey team plus all their gear, then she needs the bigger  
> car. If she had several of varying sizes and means of propulsion, then  
> maybe she could choose the most appropriate for the job.

I know a suburban family whose needs are met by owning (1) an SUV for the big jobs or distant trips, and (2) a compact for everything else.

But a lot of suburban families these days want big fat SUVs for all vehicles because of ego. Yes, that is their business, but they are consuming scarce fuel and dumping out more pollution than they need to.

As mentioned, ideally, we should be living in higher density housing and using more transit, but our entirely society is NOT set up for that except in a few places. Most people want their single house and lot, and are happy driving all the way to work in an office park.

Personally, growing up in a walkable community served by good transit was great. But that's NOT what people want.

When Levitt built massive communities of 17,000 homes each, he did not have any trouble selling them. Indeed, he couldn't build those little single houses fast enough. In NYC, the Long Island Expressway has been jammed up ever since.

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 22:38:23 GMT  
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>>>> Democracy requires a certain minimum intelligence among the  
>>>> populace to enable sensible choices to be made. I fear that the  
>>>> median intelligence of the peepul is falling below that level.

>>>

>>> It most certainly has in one political party. Nation wide we are

>>> barely hanging on.

>>

>> Sadly, in the US the extremists, on both sides, are taking over.

>

> Yep, typical lie told by the right.

>

> I remember when Obama was revealed as the extremist he is. Right after the inauguration, the righties caught him and Michelle performing a "terrorist fist bump".

>

> The left leaning extremist in the last election was Bernie. After all, he's a socialist. To call the rest of the party extremists is just a lie.

>

> Anyway, try to stay on topic. In this case it's intelligence, not extremism.

There are plenty of policy positions advanced by leftists that aren't very intelligent.

In Phila, for instance, the newly elected 'reform' D.A. has called for three year sentences for attempted murder by gun. He, in violation of the law, disregarded the victims' concerns.

In a separate discussion, we noted some of the extreme unrealistic impractical positions advanced by environmentalists. I believe in conservation, but I did the crap the locals called for, I'd save maybe 5% of my energy, if that, yet live a miserable and unhealthy life. Our country is growing in population, so that alone means more energy consumption. We are more dependent on power than in the past. So, they shouldn't block needed power infrastructure improvements as they constantly try to do.

I am for a realistic approach to immigration. But I don't want 20 people living in a one room apartment next door to me, as many advocates are pushing (nor do I want a drug rehab halfway house next door either).

So, whatever you call, extremist or idiocy, it's bad for the people.

>> All we seem to hear these days are rants from the far right and far left. Listen to Fox's Hannity for example, very disturbing (or anyone from talk radio). Likewise from the lefties.

>

> Fox is full of extremists, but the right in the Senate and House are singing the same tune.

>

- > I suggest you actually listen to Rachel Maddow. She doesn't make crap
- > up and spew BS like the Fox crew. She did an amazing piece called
- > "Betrayal" on Nixon a while back.

I like Rachel Maddow and the other commentators on MSNBC, as well as CNN. Some of the extremist positions appear in the op-ed of the newspapers.

- >> People in the middle get screwed.
- >>
- >> An example is the Boy Scouts. The WSJ just had an article about
- >> them--they're losing membership and are in trouble. On the one hand,
- >> they've gotten extremely pressure from some of their sponsors to take
- >> in gays. On the other hand, some other sponsors object to the gays.
- >> They end up losing either way.
- >>
- >> Ironically, most kids in the scouts are too young to care about such
- >> things. The extremists scream about a non-existent issue.
- >
- > What is that? Some kind of right wing distortion of the Boy Scouts
- > story? That's not why they are in trouble:
- >
- > Facing mounting legal costs from defending itself against lawsuits
- > alleging sexual abuse of boys
- >
- > Irony isn't it? The whole organization claims to be holier than anyone
- > but they can't stop molesting little boys.

Sorry, but you got it wrong.

That trouble in the Boy Scouts happened YEARS AGO. What is a problem now is that legislatures are removing statute of limitations allowing ancient claims to be heard in court. So, the BSA will have to defend itself against a 50 or 60 y/o claim. How the heck can it do that? It will lose huge amounts of money in settlements.

- > I was under the impression the gay issue was resolved a while back. Yep
- > Wikipedia:
- >
- > On May 23, 2013, The Boy Scouts of America's national governing body
- > voted to rescind the long-standing ban on homosexual youth in the
- > program. Effective January 1, 2014, "No youth may be denied membership
- > in the Boy Scouts of America on the basis of sexual orientation or
- > preference alone."

With BSA, some of their church sponsors are now upset they take in gays. Some of these are major sponsors, like the Mormons.

So, as stated, organizations get caught in the middle between liberals and conservatives pushing their agendas. The liberals demanded the scouts take in gays, the conservatives demanded scouts do not. Nobody wins.

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Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 22:50:22 GMT  
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On 2018-12-18, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:

> On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 3:30:54 PM UTC-5, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:  
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>> Yes, they do high quality if contracted. But say you buy them at Home  
>> Depot and you have American and Chinese made side by side with the  
>> Chinese slightly cheaper they're likely worse than the American light  
>> bulbs.  
>>  
>> Well I bought a pack with two Chinese light bulbs, each burning out  
>> within a year. Bought American made next time and the one I put in  
>> already lasts more than 18 months. Could be a coincidence though...  
>  
> Given my experience, I suspect manufacturers have different lines  
> for sale in different stores. The big box stores demand big  
> discounts from vendors, and some vendors cut back on quality to  
> comply, or lose a big customer. This was documented in the case  
> of Walmart. Light bulbs I bought at a big box store were crap.  
>  
> Anyway, this makes it a bitch for consumers since we generally have  
> no idea what we're getting. Brand names don't mean much these days.

True enough. We recently replaced a shower valve. Those in the know sent us to a reputable supplier rather than Home Depot. Same brand, but higher quality (and higher price, but you get what you pay for).

There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man's lawful prey.  
-- John Ruskin (1819-1900)

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Tue, 18 Dec 2018 23:11:02 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 02:58:41 GMT

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On Sun, 16 Dec 2018 10:42:34 -0500, J. Clarke  
<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> If worms happily eat up waste paper then why all the concern about  
> "filling up landfills" with it?

Because refuse isn't buried in landfills. It is ensiled.

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Joy Beeson

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Joy Beeson](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 04:46:53 GMT

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On Tue, 18 Dec 2018 15:55:40 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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The oven of my mother's beloved "old Anderson" didn't have a window in the door.

It did have a firebrick lining. I still tend to think it takes half an hour to pre-heat an oven. (Fifteen minutes is plenty for the thin-tin oven I'm using now.)

It also had a built-in griddle, with a broiler underneath it, and a "deep well" (fore-runner of the crock pot) under that.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 05:06:48 GMT  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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<jbeeson@invalid.net.invalid> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 08:32:45 GMT

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hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

> On Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 3:13:03 AM UTC-5, Mike Spencer wrote:

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>> But I don't understand how "modern policy" has effected that. I see  
>> it as simply increased short-term profit. The "internal diseconomy"  
>> of maintenance is externalized as a cost to users. Even with wood  
>> heat and hand-pumped water, we have to have a gen set to maintain  
>> freezers and fridge in prolonged outages. More typical rural  
>> households lose heat, water and cooking as well as refrigeration in an  
>> outage.

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> Modern policy separated out generation from distribution.

Ah, so. Tnx. I was unaware of that. I think most power distributed here is generated here BICBW. The local powerco is working on a deal to import power from Labrador via (IIRC) undersea cable. Major policy excursion and I don't think it's going smoothly.

> They also put a lot more focus on the electric rates, which used to  
> cover all expenses rolled together. We were lucky in our area; in  
> some areas they new policies were so onerous that power supply got  
> screwed up.

Huh.

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Mike Spencer

Nova Scotia, Canada

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 08:40:19 GMT

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Most families these days need two cars, since husband and wife often both drive to work, usually in different places. Even if one spouse is home they still need a car to run errands and drive kids. Maybe a big and a small car will work.

Bigger cars are also usually safer.

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Pete

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 08:55:51 GMT  
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Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

On 18/12/2018 20:55, Andreas Kohlbach wrote:

> The browning time is known already from experience. You don't even have  
> to look at it. Otherwise, open the door and look, although some heat  
> might escape.

Q. What is the difference between a microwave oven and homosexuality?

A. You can't brown your meat in a microwave oven.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 09:26:21 GMT  
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<rant>

I hate the term 'suv', it brings up images of ponces flying to  
Edinburgh and being driven to some some Highland Estate in a 'SUV',  
where they shoot semi-tame grouse.

</rant>

I had a commercially taxed vehicle and a small-car which my wife  
drove. After she died, and her car died of old-age, I kept  
the commercially-taxed vehicle, and the next taxing period, I got  
a letter from the taxing people, 'How was I doing the shopping?'.  
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The children are afraid of going outside, because of junkies, etc,  
and spend their home hours watching tv or playing with smart-phones.

Aside from the above, do not get young children ( >8) a smartphone  
at SpendingTime ( Christmas ). They quickly get addicted.

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Maus@ireland.com  
Opinions offered om any subject:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 13:53:17 GMT  
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Pete

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [scott](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 14:04:48 GMT

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J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:

- > On Tue, 18 Dec 2018 16:05:41 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach
- > <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

- >> The food court of a mall here was refurbished. When they opened again it
- >> seems they put a policy into place to use plastic plates and cups instead
- >> of made from cardboard. Suppose the policy of MacDonald's doesn't comply
- >> with that so they are no longer part of the food court.

- >

- > They are idiots if they have that policy. McDonalds at one point was
- > using plastic for everything, with the intent that they, McDonalds,
- > would recycle it all. The government told them that they couldn't
- > recycle it because it was "contaminated with food" (note, this was to
- > be in McDonalds' own facilities where presumably they had worked out
- > the issued with removing contaminants during recycling) so they said
- > "screw it" and went back to paper.

And you, of course, have a citation that supports this statement, correct?

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 17:02:50 GMT  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Wed, 19 Dec 2018 06:53:17 -0700, Peter Flass  
<peter\_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

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The fix used to be "red light districts" however the professional do-gooders managed to petition the government to redistribute the crime more equitably. Bringing back red-light districts would be a start.

Note that in the US in the suburbs most parents still keep their kids indoors or under close supervision--there are plenty of kids in this neighborhood. Other than one who rides his bicycle up and down the street all by himself, the only time I see any of them is at the school bus stop in the morning with several parents in attendance, or sometimes on weekends being walked by their parents.

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paying work they can get, some because they're essentially slaves of a  
pimp who has them dependent on him for drugs, some because they like  
it. It's going to be hard to convince a \$500/hr call girl to work in  
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Eliminating the black market in recreational drugs would be a good  
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Yeah, it's the parents who cower in fear.

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THE CHRISTMAS SONG

(with apologies to Nat "King" Cole)

Chestnuts now on sale in aisle five,

Jack Frost replicas below.

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With kids dressed up like Eskimos (excuse me, Inuit)

Everybody knows, fake holly, plastic mistletoe  
Will keep the profit margins bright.  
Tiny tots, LEDs all aglow,  
Await an iPhone X [1] tonight.

You know that Santa's on his way.  
He's bringing bills that you'll need all next year to pay.  
And every mother's child is going to try  
To see Buzz Lightyear: can he really fly?

And so I say this economic prayer  
To Best Buy and to Wal-Mart too.  
Though it's been said many times, many ways,  
Merry Spendfest to you.

(Jingle Bells on cash registers)

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 19:03:31 GMT

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Very similar to my childhood, and if I was inclined to hang around in the house I would be told to "bugger off out and play".

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Steve O'Hara-Smith

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 19:46:31 GMT

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Maus@ireland.com  
Opinions offered on any subject:

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 20:11:53 GMT  
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The new addiction is FortNite.

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Jim

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Clarke's descriptions are hardly universal. I live in the 10th largest city in the US, and in my neighborhood, kids still do all of those things you are referring to. Sure, there are other neighborhoods in which such behavior would be discouraged, but they're a small fraction of the entire city. The woods (such as they are in this climate) are just a couple blocks away in the several thousand acre county park (which itself is adjacent to IBM's Almaden research labs).

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scott@slp53.sl.home (Scott Lurndal) wrote:

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A vanishingly small proportion of the population then.

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< [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2015/04/14/there-s-never-been-a-safer-time-to-be-a-kid-in-america/?utm\\_term=.f0fdbcb17e441](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2015/04/14/there-s-never-been-a-safer-time-to-be-a-kid-in-america/?utm_term=.f0fdbcb17e441) >

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Posted by [Joe Makowiec](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 21:36:21 GMT  
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Joe Makowiec

<http://makowiec.org/>

Email: <http://makowiec.org/contact/?Joe>

Usenet Improvement Project: <http://twovoyagers.com/improve-usenet.org/>

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 22:18:51 GMT

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Yes, I play the odds every day. Kids are safer today then ever before.

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Wed, 19 Dec 2018 16:18:02 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Tue, 18 Dec 2018 14:08:58 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

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>> Anyway, this makes it a bitch for consumers since we generally have  
>> no idea what we're getting. Brand names don't mean much these days.

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> That might depend on the product. Take luxury cars which usually come  
> from Germany. They are IMO overpriced and not much better than cars from  
> a manufacturer in Japan or the US.

We had an example of that with motorcycles a few years back. 43% of the BMWs entered in the 2013 Iron Butt Rally did not finish. 5% of the Harleys did not finish.

> Or smartphones. iPhones and Samsung on the Android side are IMO  
> overpriced too and not much better than cheaper, say LG, products. Some  
> people like to waste money to have some kind of status symbol.

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> While with light bulbs a brand name, like Sylvania, probably doesn't mean  
> much today.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 19 Dec 2018 23:07:03 GMT

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>> Peter Flass <peter\_flass@yahoo.com> writes:  
>>> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:  
>>>> On Wed, 19 Dec 2018 10:06:23 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>  
>>>> wrote:  
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>>>> > Anyway, kids use phones because they're more fun than their  
>>>> > alternatives. Not sure how many kids are cowering in fear in NYC.  
>>>> > More likely the helicopter parents are to blame.  
>>>> > Not sure how to fix that.  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Wed, 19 Dec 2018 16:30:21 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Tue, 18 Dec 2018 14:21:37 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:  
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>> On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00:02 AM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:  
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>>> Besides, most families don't own more than two cars. You need a car that  
>>> supports the worst-case use. If the little woman mostly drives to the

>>> grocery store or hairdresser but occasionally has to haul several members  
>>> of her son's hockey team plus all their gear, then she needs the bigger  
>>> car. If she had several of varying sizes and means of propulsion, then  
>>> maybe she could choose the most appropriate for the job.

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>> I know a suburban family whose needs are met by owning (1) an SUV  
>> for the big jobs or distant trips, and (2) a compact for everything  
>> else.

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> If it's all about waste I am sad that the increase of SUV leads to a  
> decrease of (V8) trucks. They are being replaced. :-(

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the Dodge Ram series.

The first big SUV on the list was the Ford Explorer at 13--the Toyota  
RAV4 was number 4 but it's a crossover.

Now it's true that sales of V8 trucks are declining but that's true of  
V8 everything.

> Of course it would be better neither SUVs nor trucks are used for the ego.

>

>> But a lot of suburban families these days want big fat SUVs for  
>> all vehicles because of ego. Yes, that is their business, but  
>> they are consuming scarce fuel and dumping out more pollution than  
>> they need to.

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> I read an article years ago about upper class persons having an electric  
> or hybrid car parked in front of their estate. Only to brag and showing  
> it to visitors. "Yes, I am green!" Some had a only a few hundred miles on  
> the clock. While in the garage sat their Porsche which was used for  
> everything (like shopping \*LOL\*). No, it's actually sad.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [hancock4](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 00:26:11 GMT

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On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 3:40:20 AM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:

> Most families these days need two cars, since husband and wife often both  
> drive to work, usually in different places. Even if one spouse is home they  
> still need a car to run errands and drive kids. Maybe a big and a small car  
> will work.

In the old days, even with two people working, often one person



would drive while the other would be driven or use transit, so one car would suffice for a family.

Unfortunately, today's society makes two cars a requirement in most families. People live and work too dispersed to use transit.

If we truly want to save energy and pollution, we need to bring homes and workers closer together to allow transit usage or even walking. But that would require a MAJOR shift in thinking and business policy.

> Bigger cars are also usually safer.

Not sure about that. I think it more depends on the relative mass of the two vehicles.

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 00:30:10 GMT  
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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 00:31:56 GMT  
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On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 12:02:50 PM UTC-5, J. Clarke wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 00:35:10 GMT  
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They were only a problem to those who thought that crime could be stamped out instead of confined. It can't be ended, but if it mostly takes place in one area that most people can avoid most of the time the situation is better than that if it is dispersed all over the place.

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Do you have evidence that children in single parent families are more likely to create social problems than are children in "traditional two parent families"?

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That's called "the war on drugs" and most of the crime associated with narcotics is the result of that war.

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Do they have evidence?

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That statement makes no sense. Perhaps you could clarify it?

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [hancock4](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 00:43:07 GMT

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Are you saying that the United States is a "politically unstable country"?

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The minute a kid is born the parents are playing odds. How do they know the hospital won't screw up with their new baby? How do they know they won't screw up (parents do).

As the kid grows up, it will leave the house. The parents cannot watch it 24/7. Indeed, even in the house there risks. Miniscule risks, but risks just the same. The gas furnace can explode. A truck could slam into the house. Someone could drive by and shoot it up (happened on my former block).

The kids goes off to college. Every so often we read about a frat kid who died from over-drinking, or some girl killed on a lonely road. Indeed, I'm amazed that given the recklessness of college kids and their crazy world, that more deaths don't occur.

To have a healthy society, we need parents to take the trouble to truly understand the world around (not a soundbite) and take reasonable and sensible measures. Too bad some daughter, wise enough to never talk to strangers while growing up, goes to college and drinks like a fish and joins the hook-up culture.

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Unfortunately, the fear over child abduction has been driven, in part,

by abduction by estranged parents in custody battles.

The decay of marriage has created a lot of warring parents. Terrible for all.

I must admit it's something I don't understand. How do two people willing to bed each other turn into bitter enemies not long afterwards? Happens quite a bit these days. IMHO, this is a big contributor of social ills.

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Nobody has appointed you arbiter of others' needs. If you want to live in a society where each gets according to what someone like you perceives to be his needs, you might try Cuba.

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All good points. Also, improving impoverished neighborhoods is disparaged as "gentrification". Overall it is a good thing for the city, but obviously a bad thing for the poor people who get forced out. If this is overall good for the city it's a case of the few suffering for the good of the many.

I've seen this firsthand in Saratoga Springs, where big old houses that were mukti-family apartments were converted back to single-family. This displaced a lot of low-income people and pushed housing costs up, but also made the city a place where people wanted to live and visit.

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Pete

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I did that for years. Daughter got beat up on the bus and district did nothing. We got out.

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Pete

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At \$10/gal it is very likely that another power source will already be  
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>>> Are you saying that the United States is a "politically unstable
>>> country"?
>>>
>>>> What will happen to our economy if gasoline
>>>> hits $5/gallon?
>>>
>>> The same thing that happened when it hit $4/gallon, drill baby drill.
>>>
>>>> Or if we again have gasoline shortages?
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>>> What happened the last time we had gasoline shortages? Other than a
>>> feckless president whingeing about "malaise".
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>>>> Most motorists do not need the features of an SUV or pickup and
>>>> could get along quite well with a more efficient vehicle.
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>>> Of course you are the lawfully appointed arbiter of what others need.
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>>>> Accordingly, the term "gas guzzling" is quite appropriate.
>>>
>>> So how much gas does a Model X guzzle?
>>>>
>>>
>>
>> I think the magic number is supposed to be $10/gal. At that point a lot of
>> bad things begin to happen to the economy.
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>
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> Oops, that's oil at \$10/bbl. Don't know what this translates to in gas  
> prices.

In that case bad things have been happening to the economy since  
before WWII. The last time oil prices were that low was the 1930s.

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Those damned hormones...

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>> still need a car to run errands and drive kids. Maybe a big and a small car  
>> will work.

>

> In the old days, even with two people working, often one person  
> would drive while the other would be driven or use transit, so  
> one car would suffice for a family.

My wife and I are doing that now. However, we're a 10-minute walk  
from a train station - a half-hour ride gets her where she needs to  
go, without the hassle of driving. I use the car to get to an office  
not served by transit.

> Unfortunately, today's society makes two cars a requirement in  
> most families. People live and work too dispersed to use transit.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 03:30:29 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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Perhaps an adjustment in taxation is in order, something like the long  
vs short term capital gains tax only applied to houses--live there 40  
years and sell you pay a low tax, live there 5 years and sell you get  
taxed 100 percent on any profit. That would cut down heavily on the  
"investment" aspect.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 06:30:28 GMT  
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hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

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> homes and workers closer together to allow transit usage or even  
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Working from home would be another good solution, I've been working from home for nearly 14 years now mostly in teams spread around the world.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 06:31:47 GMT  
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On Wed, 19 Dec 2018 15:24:45 -0700  
Peter Flass <[peter\\_flass@yahoo.com](mailto:peter_flass@yahoo.com)> wrote:

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Life is a gamble, every day everyone plays the odds.

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hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

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Nasty.

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Yes.

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I think it is at least partly because the hype about marriage is that is about two people in love - it should be about two people making a commitment to spend a big chunk of their lives raising children and sticking to it no matter what they come to think of each other. One or other having an affair should be seen as helping that partner stick to the job by relieving sexual tensions (or sexual boredom) not as an excuse to abandon the whole thing and make the children's lives a misery.

In short people are too selfish about marriage, it's not disney-happy-ever-after it's a contract to do a long hard job together.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 06:43:18 GMT

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 08:40:51 GMT  
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 08:50:24 GMT  
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That was the problem with the McCann case. Every police inquiry starts at the immediatly family and works out, in the Mccann case, some idiot policeman told a reporter that.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 11:03:54 GMT

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On 20 Dec 2018 08:40:51 GMT

maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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Or as an ex-neighbour found to his neverending sadness (the small child was his own) when they are behind one that you are reversing.

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At the door generally isn't an issue. It's when they are in front or behind that it's a problem. There was an incident a few years back where a kid got off a school bus, walked in front of it, and the bus drove over him. This resulted in all school buses in CT being equipped with a device that swings out from the front when the bus door is opened intended to encourage the kid to walk far enough ahead of the bus for the driver to be able to see it.

However I am reminded of a time in high school when some moron seemed to want to commit suicide by me. He's fortunate that I was looking in my side mirror when he crouched down and walked behind my parked car--if I hadn't done that he would be dead. Note that this kid was old enough to have a driver's license.

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Google is about to build one in downtown San Jose.....

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hi-test (91 octane) listed on their sign a \$4.98/gal. Granted,  
an outlier (\$1.60 higher than costco).

Gas briefly reached \$5.00 during the shrub administration as well.

I don't see that price doing anything other than reducing travel  
for those on a budget.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
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> do not take an intellectual analysis. They base decisions on  
> emotions. So, people avoid doing things where there's a million  
> to one risk of harm, yet do things of greater risk due to emotions.  
>  
> When I was a kid my parents biggest fear (and it was a big one) was  
> that I'd get hit by a car. Traffic safety was vigorously taught  
> and enforced in schools and at home. There was only a passing mention  
> to "don't talk to strangers".  
>  
> Unfortunately, many communities today are filled with strangers.  
> We don't have that neighbor support as we once had. That promotes  
> insecurity. Further, people get the idea there is nasty stuff ongoing  
> from sensationalist news.  
>  
> I know many parents who would drive their kids to school and not  
> use the school bus. That amazes me. I don't get it.

In spite of cameras on school busses, and required reporting of trouble, kids still fight on school buses. Kids do get left on school busses.

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Jim

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> On 20 Dec 2018 08:40:51 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>>> On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 3:40:20 AM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:

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>> Its very hard to see small children when they are just at the door

>> of a large vehicle.

>

> At the door generally isn't an issue. It's when they are in front or

> behind that it's a problem. There was an incident a few years back

> where a kid got off a school bus, walked in front of it, and the bus

> drove over him. This resulted in all school buses in CT being

> equipped with a device that swings out from the front when the bus

> door is opened intended to encourage the kid to walk far enough ahead

> of the bus for the driver to be able to see it.

The school bus driver in the 'simpsons' seemed to be a person with problems, and friends around Noo York tell me that is the usual

>

> However I am reminded of a time in high school when some moron seemed  
> to want to commit suicide by me. He's fortunate that I was looking in  
> my side mirror when he crouched down and walked behind my parked  
> car--if I hadn't done that he would be dead. Note that this kid was  
> old enough to have a driver's license.

That is why Russians have dash cameras.

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>>> homes and workers closer together to allow transit usage or even  
>>> walking. But that would require a MAJOR shift in thinking and  
>>> business policy.  
>>  
>> It would also likely require you to move whenever you change jobs.  
>> If both of you are working, it gets even more complicated unless  
>> you both work at the same place.  
>>  
>> Maybe it's time to return to the joys of the company town...  
>  
> Google is about to build one in downtown San Jose.....

I read that sensible people around there are selling [property],  
ready to buy back in after the crash.

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Why do you put up with such ludicrous taxation?

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It's funny how folks always remember how much gas or a soda cost when they were young, but they seem to forget how big their paychecks were.

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It might be ironic that most of what are sold as a "truck" at the consumer level (well, in the USA anyway) are scarcely that. They call things "trucks" that cannot carry a stack of plywood or lumber, a scoop of mulch or some baby trees, or tow another truck of its own kind on a trailer.

When I needed a truck, I needed a truck and not a truck-shaped car. Oddly enough, nothing with a V-8 was good enough. The right truck turned out to have an inline 6-cylinder engine.

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I guess he only means the U.S. Here in West Canuckistan gas has been around \$1.35/litre (just over \$5/gallon) for a few years now (although I work far enough from the Big Smoke to dodge some taxes and get down to about \$4.50).

Life goes on.

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> On Wed, 19 Dec 2018 16:52:57 -0800 (PST)  
> hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:  
>  
>> Unfortunately, the fear over child abduction has been driven, in part,  
>> by abduction by estranged parents in custody battles.  
>  
> Nasty.

>  
>> The decay of marriage has created a lot of warring parents. Terrible  
>> for all.  
>  
> Yes.  
>  
>> I must admit it's something I don't understand. How do two people  
>> willing to bed each other turn into bitter enemies not long  
>> afterwards? Happens quite a bit these days. IMHO, this is a  
>> big contributor of social ills.  
>  
> I think it is at least partly because the hype about marriage is  
> that is about two people in love - it should be about two people making a  
> commitment to spend a big chunk of their lives raising children and  
> sticking to it no matter what they come to think of each other. One or  
> other having an affair should be seen as helping that partner stick to the  
> job by relieving sexual tensions (or sexual boredom) not as an excuse to  
> abandon the whole thing and make the children's lives a misery.  
>  
> In short people are too selfish about marriage, it's not  
> disney-happy-ever-after it's a contract to do a long hard job together.

True. But that means people should give some thought to it  
before tying the knot. Too many don't.

Being in love (as opposed to being in lust) helps, though.

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Whale oil beef hooked.

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> an outlier (\$1.60 higher than costco).  
>  
> Gas briefly reached \$5.00 during the shrub administration as well.  
>  
> I don't see that price doing anything other than reducing travel  
> for those on a budget.

A bit of planning can help. On our trip to Death Valley a few years ago, the Chevron at Furnace Creek was charging \$6.00/gallon. We went up the road and filled up at Stovepipe Wells for a mere \$4.84/gallon. (The price in Las Vegas was \$2.85 at the time.)

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I went with an 8 last time because my then GF lived on the other side of the mountains and the 6 I had was struggling going uphill at altitude. We broke up right around then and the 8 has turned out to have a few issues--all corrected now but was a pain for a while.

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>  
> Why do you put up with such ludicrous taxation?

We have working general medical schemes, well, had.



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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 20:53:15 GMT

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My random thoughts and comments

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 20:57:36 GMT

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On 2018-12-20, Charlie Gibbs <[cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid](mailto:cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid)> wrote:

> On 2018-12-20, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <[steveo@eircom.net](mailto:steveo@eircom.net)> wrote:

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>> On Wed, 19 Dec 2018 16:52:57 -0800 (PST)

>> [hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com](mailto:hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com) wrote:

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> True. But that means people should give some thought to it  
> before tying the knot. Too many don't.

>

> Being in love (as opposed to being in lust) helps, though.

>

My memory becoming worse, I may have wrote this story here before, and  
it has nothing to do with computers,

A and B have been friends for years, and got closer to marriage, at  
which time, the girl started to worry about it, so they had a row,

and broke up. She became friendly with another man, and got married to him, the wedding breakfast being at a large hotel with several function rooms.

The bride is still worrying about it all, and has a few drinks to reassure herself, goes to the toilet which is crowded, so diverts to a toilet nearer another function room, flushes with success, and is leaving, still in her wedding dress, when the men's toilet door opens revealing her old boyfriend in grooms dress.

Read here for the next thrilling installment.

Happy Midwinter to all.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 21:41:35 GMT  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 16:09:05 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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> be because they close zero own oil. Some countries drill in the North-Sea  
> but that alone isn't enough so they import from oil rich countries in the  
> Arab world.

I think JimP should remember that the oil glut is substantially an American phenomenon. The US is the largest producer, followed by Saudi, then Russia, then the little guys, none of which produce more than half what Russia produces.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 21:54:52 GMT  
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How many million hours of consuming video from Russian dashcams would it take to train an AI so it could predict what happens next at least 50% of the time?

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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 22:10:21 GMT  
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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 22:13:54 GMT  
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>>>> Likely. I know a lady, who knows another lady, who works in the  
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>>>> family's that have been evicted. The hostel is in 'inner city'  
>>>> Dublin, not quite as bad as Inner City Noo York, but not good.

>>>> The children are afraid of going outside, because of junkies, etc,  
 >>>> and spend their home hours watching tv or playing with smart-phones.  
 >>>  
 >>> What is the solution for this? This is why people move to the suburbs, for  
 >>> real or imagined insulation from such things. What would have to be done  
 >>> to make the cities as safe as the suburbs? Massive sweeps to round up all  
 >>> the junkies, pushers, whores, and nut-cases, and send them to work farms in  
 >>> the country? This would never work, or be allowed.  
 >>  
 >> This is obviously a very tough question. But it needs to be solved  
 >> regardless of energy or pollution issues. The decay in the cities  
 >> inevitably spreads to the suburbs, so moving out is not a solution.  
 >>  
 >> Unfortunately, I think radical changes in society will be required,  
 >> and that of course will be vehemently fought. IMHO, we need:  
 >> --restoration of the traditional two parent family and discouragement  
 >> of single parents.  
 >> --discouragement of recreational use of narcotics.  
 >>  
 >> Part of the problem is that people aren't honest about these issues.  
 >> Some advocates claim single parents are just as good as two-parents.  
 >> Touchy issue. As to drugs, some claim it comes from the medicine  
 >> chest and the opioids are all victims. Not true.  
 >>  
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 > All good points. Also, improving impoverished neighborhoods is disparaged  
 > as "gentrification". Overall it is a good thing for the city, but obviously  
 > a bad thing for the poor people who get forced out. If this is overall good  
 > for the city it's a case of the few suffering for the good of the many.  
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 > I've seen this firsthand in Saratoga Springs, where big old houses that  
 > were multi-family apartments were converted back to single-family. This  
 > displaced a lot of low-income people and pushed housing costs up, but also  
 > made the city a place where people wanted to live and visit.

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It was 1.35 when we were over there last year too. Over the same  
time period it's been 1.35 here as well, although Canadian dollars  
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When we went to Scotland in 2014 it was 1.35 there too - pounds, though.

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Probably the same people who have OnStar in their cars watching over them, plus smartphones acting as electronic ankle bracelets...

Whenever someone proposes a usage fee for anything, there's such a hue and cry that we inevitably wind up with something much less equitable.

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On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 8:25:42 PM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:

> I think the magic number is supposed to be \$10/gal. At that point a lot of  
> bad things begin to happen to the economy.

The excellent book, The Prize, mentions that in the glory days of Texas gushers (like Spindletop), oil sold for 10 CENTS a barrel. They were literally flooded with it.

Those days are long gone.

Now they talk about earthquakes happening as a result of fracking destroying the underground.

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I suppose it is, but ever since I started driving front wheel drive,  
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Dan Espen

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On the other hand, I remember driving along one day and this huge tree limb falls on the guy in front of me and smashes the back half of his car flat. If it had been a fraction of a second sooner it would have smashed \_him\_ flat.

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Can you point to any chart mapping gas price to any economic impact?

The high gas prices were pretty recent, I don't remember the economy trending downward.

I can think of lots of reasons why the high prices would be beneficial. Spending on conservation measures, more money to the producers and shippers...

In my case, gasoline is a really minor part of my budget.  
If I had a budget that is.

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Dan Espen

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A major change that started in the late '50s and was in full flower in the '60s was that girls didn't get pregnant anymore unless they were careless, had weird morals (the kind that let them sleep around but not take the pill) or wanted to.

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On the other hand, a lot of couples that married because they were in LUUUUVVVV didn't work out. Friend of mine has been married three times and none of them worked out. Another was married, got divorced, and is now raising a kid with her boyfriend (it's his kid, not the husband's) who she has no intention of marrying. Statistically about half of all marriages in the US end in divorce.

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hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

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Seems to me we know for certain that pumping stuff in the ground triggers earthquakes.

If I was to guess what most people think, it is:

I'd rather have the gas, until something really bad happens.

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Dan Espen

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It's hard to say. You hear a lot more these days, but back then there were things you just didn't talk about. I suspect a lot of stuff was covered up. There are certainly a lot of songs about infidelity from that time and earlier.

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....and is cleansed of the riff-raff, i.e. those making less than \$250K per year.

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Well, there's more money, anyway. Whether it goes to social services is another thing.

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- > diverted elsewhere.

Usually it's just the money that's diverted elsewhere, often down that black hole known as "general revenue".

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Cue Barbara Bush, Marie Antoinette, et al.

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- > move and became prisoners in their own house/apt, subject to
- > robbery and mugging.

A common form of attack around here is known as "home invasion".  
See [\\_A Clockwork Orange\\_](#). "I'm singing in the rain..."

Elderly people who own their own homes are in a sticky position.  
The city treats them as rich because of their equity, and feels  
justified in jacking up their taxes even though they're cash-poor.  
Pass the dog food, please.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 22:45:15 GMT  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 14:13:54 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

> On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 8:25:38 PM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:  
>> < Hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com > wrote:  
>>> On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 8:53:19 AM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> > Likely. I know a lady, who knows another lady, who works in the  
>>>> > Social Services, and in that capacity, visits emergency hostels for  
>>>> > family's that have been evicted. The hostel is in 'inner city'  
>>>> > Dublin, not quite as bad as Inner City Noo York, but not good.  
>>>> > The children are afraid of going outside, because of junkies, etc,  
>>>> > and spend their home hours watching tv or playing with smart-phones.  
>>>>  
>>>> What is the solution for this? This is why people move to the suburbs, for  
>>>> real or imagined insulation from such things. What would have to be done  
>>>> to make the cities as safe as the suburbs? Massive sweeps to round up all  
>>>> the junkies, pushers, whores, and nut-cases, and send them to work farms in  
>>>> the country? This would never work, or be allowed.  
>>>>  
>>> This is obviously a very tough question. But it needs to be solved  
>>> regardless of energy or pollution issues. The decay in the cities

>>> inevitably spreads to the suburbs, so moving out is not a solution.  
>>>  
>>> Unfortunately, I think radical changes in society will be required,  
>>> and that of course will be vehemently fought. IMHO, we need:  
>>> --restoration of the traditional two parent family and discouragement  
>>> of single parents.  
>>> --discouragement of recreational use of narcotics.  
>>>  
>>> Part of the problem is that people aren't honest about these issues.  
>>> Some advocates claim single parents are just as good as two-parents.  
>>> Touchy issue. As to drugs, some claim it comes from the medicine  
>>> chest and the opiods are all victims. Not true.  
>>>  
>>  
>> All good points. Also, improving impoverished neighborhoods is disparaged  
>> as "gentrification". Overall it is a good thing for the city, but obviously  
>> a bad thing for the poor people who get forced out. If this is overall good  
>> for the city it's a case of the few suffering for the good of the many.  
>>  
>> I've seen this firsthand in Saratoga Springs, where big old houses that  
>> were multi-family apartments were converted back to single-family. This  
>> displaced a lot of low-income people and pushed housing costs up, but also  
>> made the city a place where people wanted to live and visit.  
>  
>  
> Generally, gentrification is a good thing. A lousy neighborhood  
> is upgraded into a nice one. There is less crime and more jobs,  
> both very desirable outcomes. Tax revenues go up, meaning there  
> is more money for social services for the poor. Better neighborhoods  
> need less social services, so they can be diverted elsewhere.

Yeah, they can be diverted to whatever neighborhood the poor people ended up moving to. Gentrification does not solve any problems, it just moves them around. The solution to homelessness in many communities is to just foist the homeless off on the nearest major city.

> I understand that for some poor people, there is displacement.  
> However, it should be noted that poor people tend to move around  
> a lot anyway.

How about the ones who are well enough off to own a house but not well enough off to pay gentrified taxes?

> I must admit one thing that troubles me is that no one was crying  
> when good neighborhoods faced decay, and people of modest means  
> were stuck in what turned into a high crime slum. This was  
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On 20 Dec 2018 22:16:10 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <[cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid](mailto:cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid)> wrote:

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>> inordinately intrusive by many people.  
>  
> Probably the same people who have OnStar in their cars watching over  
> them,

You mean GM customers?

> plus smartphones acting as electronic ankle bracelets...

I can turn off a phone. Turning off the car while driving is not nearly as practical. In any case, neither is reporting one's movements directly to the government.

> Whenever someone proposes a usage fee for anything, there's such a hue  
> and cry that we inevitably wind up with something much less equitable.

The issue isn't the fee, it's the government tracking movement. Although we've already accepted Soviet-style internal passports, so I guess we may as well give up.

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>> It was 1.35 when we were over there last year too. Over the same  
>> time period it's been 1.35 here as well, although Canadian dollars  
>> as opposed to euros.  
>>  
>> When we went to Scotland in 2014 it was 1.35 there too - pounds, though.  
>  
> Per litre, of course.

Yup, litres all around. Only the currency is different.

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>>>> never been off pavement.  
>>>  
>>> Has of course to be a 4x4. For the urban asphalt jungle. And the alloys  
>>> never get dirty.  
>>  
>> That 4x4 is real nice to have when the urban asphalt jungle is covered

>> in snow. My econobox is downright scary in snow, the Jeep not so  
>> much.  
>  
> I suppose it is, but ever since I started driving front wheel drive,  
> I don't see the need for a mileage killing 4x4.

Did you have four wheel drive before that? Everyone tells me how wonderful front wheel drive is in the snow. Well my current front wheel drive econobox is nowhere near as good in the snow as my Corvette was, and that's pretty bad. But the Jeep just goes and stops with no drama.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Andy Leighton](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 23:43:59 GMT

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On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 16:09:05 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 10:49:20 -0600, JimP wrote:

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Andy Leighton => andyl@azaal.plus.com

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- Douglas Adams

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And trains use a lot of diesel and planes use a lot of Jet-A. It's

not just gasoline that is affected by oil prices, nearly all transportation is. It means prices for everything go up.

As for "favorable acts of the economy", that requires that the change be sufficiently long term for the economy to respond. In the most recent shortage it did respond, by massively increasing production, not by conservation.

At this point it's fairly evident that any near term increase in fuel prices will just lead to increased production. Long term, eventually the renewables people will get the kinks worked out and the costs down to where they're competitive with conventional energy sources and the transition will happen.

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According to the EU pocketbook on energy in 2016 (the most recent year reported) the major source of oil for the EU was Russia, followed by Norway, Iraq, Saudi, and Kazakhstan, with all imports from the Middle East being considerably less than what is imported from Russia alone.

It's hard to work out the balance in the Middle East because of the way things are organized (for example the largest consumer of Saudi oil is the United Arab Emirates, which then refines it and sells it elsewhere) but it looks based on a brief investigation as if India and China are the major consumers of Middle Eastern oil.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 01:35:59 GMT  
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Originally posted by: nobody

On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 16:02:57 -0500, J. Clarke  
<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 01:36:15 GMT  
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Scott Lurndal <scott@slp53.sl.home> wrote:

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>>>  
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>  
> Something like a quarter a gallon. Unless you mean \$100/bbl.  
>  
>

Yes, third time's the charm, I guess.

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Pete

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It makes people with part-time or marginal jobs reevaluate their choices.  
At some point it might become uneconomical for a spouse with a lower-paying  
job to work.

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Pete

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About half my commuting miles are in CT and half in MA. That's true  
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old threads about road design/build/cost is almost totally driven by  
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effect). "road use" gas tax is attempt to spread/broaden(/subsidize)  
the cost of heavy truck use across much larger population. Of course  
lots of instances of jurisdictions raiding the hiway fund for other  
activities while infrastructure deteriorates

past ESAL posts  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2002j.html#41> Transportation  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2004e.html#7> OT Global warming  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2006g.html#56> The Pankian Metaphor  
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<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2013h.html#28> "Highway Patrol" back on TV  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2013h.html#29> "Highway Patrol" back on TV  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2015b.html#47> Future of support for telephone rotary dial ?  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2015h.html#76> IMPI (System/38 / AS/400 historical)  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2016.html#12> 1970--protesters seize computer center  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2016h.html#109> Minimum Wage  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2017h.html#31> Disregard post (another screwup; absolutely nothing to do with computers whatsoever!)  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018.html#42> Predicting the future in five years as seen from 1983  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018.html#44> Predicting the future in five years as seen from 1983  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018b.html#26> Bitcoin confusion?

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> stops with no drama.

No, never had a 4x4.  
Not sure why your front wheel drive behaves badly.  
All the weight is right over the drive wheels, so you should  
get sufficient traction. Also drive in the front makes  
skids less likely. A 4x4 adds drive to the back where there  
is not nearly so much weight.

On a scale of 1 to 10 I'd rank them like this:

4x4 - 10  
fwd - 8  
rwd - 2  
corvette - 1

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Dan Espen

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 04:28:37 GMT  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 22:56:22 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>  
wrote:

> J. Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> writes:  
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>> On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 17:27:49 -0500, Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com>  
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Try it.

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Because I'm used to 4wd.

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Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 07:53:48 GMT  
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maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:

> <rant>  
> I hate the term 'suv', it brings up images of ponces flying to  
> Edinborough and being driven to some some Highland Estate in a 'SUV',  
> where they shoot semi-tame grouse.  
> </rant>

Yeah. The notion is to invoke the image of a US WW II Jeep or maybe a 1950s long-wheelbase Land Rover. Now embodied in vehicles that look as much like mobile cow flops as all the others.

We're ex-urban (!) have a small economy passnger car to go places and an aging UV -- 3/4 T. Ford 4x4 with a flat bed and dump attachment -- to move stuff from one place to another.

> I had a commercially taxed vehicle and a small-car which my wife  
> drove. After she died, and her car died of old-age, I kept  
> the commercially-taxed vehicle, and the next taxing period, I got  
> a letter from the taxing people, 'How was I doing the shopping?'.  
> They have a rule that a commercially taxed vehicle can only be used  
> for buiness, not for shopping.

No limitation here on "shopping" with (our size of) UV (no "Sport" about it) but usually it's more trouble than it's worth to try to maneuver and park the thing in huge lot crowded with SUVs and burb-beaters. Well, unless "shopping" for a yard of gravel or enough lumber to build a new outhouse.

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Mike Spencer                      Nova Scotia, Canada

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Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:14:18 GMT  
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Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> writes:

> On 2018-12-20, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:  
>  
>> In short people are too selfish about marriage, it's not  
>> disney-happy-ever-after it's a contract to do a long hard job together.

>  
> True. But that means people should give some thought to it  
> before tying the knot. Too many don't.

People change. People get weird. Some people start out weird but it doesn't show for many years.

High school buddy: Married lovely woman, became successful lawyer, eventually criminal lawyer in both senses, became an alcoholic, started carrying a gun, taking payment from prostitute clients in trade. Divorce in the works when alcohol killed him. Would never have predicted that 15 years before when he was an Explorer Scout and even saved my life once.

Another high school buddy: Married a lovely, highly talented woman. After several years, woman decided that polyamory was what she needed, wanted to be married to two men. Buddy wasn't up for that, divorce. Similarly, would never have predicted that 10 years before.

> Being in love (as opposed to being in lust) helps, though.

Pretty sure "in love" applied in both cases.

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Mike Spencer                      Nova Scotia, Canada

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:19:23 GMT  
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On 2018-12-20, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On 20 Dec 2018 20:35:17 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

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>> On 2018-12-20, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

>>> On 20 Dec 2018 09:33:57 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

>>>> On 2018-12-20, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:

>>>> > On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 1:06:37 PM UTC-5, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

>>>> >

>>>> >> Of course, to be Politically Correct, every occurrence of "SUV"

>>>> >> must be preceded by the phrase "gas-guzzling".

>>>> >

>>>> > In an era where extracting oil is more and more expensive

>>>> > and destructive, and comes out of politically unstable countries,

>>>> > we need to conserve it. What will happen to our economy if gasoline

>>>> > hits \$5/gallon?

>>>>

>>>> Boo-fucking-hoo. Petrol has been well over \$5/gallon in Europe for many

>>>> many years.

>>>

>>> The oil glut hasn't driven your prices down ? It has here. We are at

>>> \$1.89/gal right now.

>>>

>>> --

>>> Jim

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>> 1.35

Litre, I should have added.

>> , I think, locally. most is tax. Where they are going to raise

>> that amount if people change to electricity is the problem

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> How to get highway tax out of electric cars is a problem our

> government hasn't dealt with. There have been proposals for a tax on

> miles traveled but there have also been proposals to lynch the persons

> proposing such a model as any mechanism for enforcing it is seen as

> inordinately intrusive by many people.

Amazon has a schome, pay 10(units, whatever), and you can read certain books for 0.0. Some people read the first page, don't like the book, and the writer gets .02 cents, otherwise, the writer gets .02 cents per page.

So, a permilage tax could work.

(A lot of the books available under the above are rubbish, but there are also books that would not be available at affordable prices, a book on the comparison between Semitic languages, which used to be available in hardback at 450 Euros, is on that scheme.

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Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:22:45 GMT

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> "investment" aspect.

Hah! Yes. While you're up, get me one of those for stocks, too.

Buy into a company, hold 20 years, small capital gains or none.  
Escalating tax scale as hold shortens. Flip it in days, 100% tax, in  
minutes or milliseconds, 140% tax. That'll take care of casino  
capitalism and the financialization of everything. :-o

Next year, eh?

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Mike Spencer

Nova Scotia, Canada

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>> Probably the same people who have OnStar in their cars watching over  
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> You mean GM customers?

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>> plus smartphones acting as electronic ankle bracelets...

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Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> writes:

> OK, looks like it's time to dig out my Grinchified Xmas carols:

I trust you've seen the movie of Terry Pratchett's \_Hogfather\_.

The appearance of the Hogfather [1] in the department store at the peak of holiday shopping frenzy is priceless.

[1] Well, his understudy, but no spoilers here if you have yet to see it.

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Mike Spencer

Nova Scotia, Canada

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:31:28 GMT  
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On 2018-12-20, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On 20 Dec 2018 19:03:51 GMT, Charlie Gibbs wrote:

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The extra inches of road clearance is a great help to me, as I am less able to bend, the 4x4 I have available now is about 1.5 inches higher, than my daughter's 2x2. The old defender had no real way of moving the driver's seat.

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Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:36:56 GMT  
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:37:19 GMT  
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On 2018-12-20, Andreas Kohlbach <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:  
> On 20 Dec 2018 16:48:29 GMT, maus wrote:  
>>  
>> That is why Russians have dash cameras.  
>  
> Thank God for that!  
>  
> <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itMdLTd1I4E>> is my fav. Any dash cam  
> video expert here knows a better one?  
>  
> PS: Don't drink or eat when you watch it.

Why should you not drink and drive?..  
The drink sloshes out when u are cornering.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:46:22 GMT  
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On 2018-12-20, Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:  
> On 12/20/2018 10:48 AM, maus wrote:  
>> On 2018-12-20, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:  
>>> On 20 Dec 2018 08:40:51 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:  
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>>>> On 2018-12-20, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:  
>>>> > On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 3:40:20 AM UTC-5, Peter Flass wrote:  
>>>> >  
>>>>  
>>>> Its very hard to see small children when they are just at the door  
>>>> of a large vehicle.  
>>>  
>>> At the door generally isn't an issue. It's when they are in front or  
>>> behind that it's a problem. There was an incident a few years back  
>>> where a kid got off a school bus, walked in front of it, and the bus  
>>> drove over him. This resulted in all school buses in CT being  
>>> equipped with a device that swings out from the front when the bus  
>>> door is opened intended to encourage the kid to walk far enough ahead  
>>> of the bus for the driver to be able to see it.  
>>  
>> The school bus driver in the 'simpsons' seemed to be a person with problems,  
>> and friends around Noo York tell me that is the usual  
>>>

>>> However I am reminded of a time in high school when some moron seemed  
>>> to want to commit suicide by me. He's fortunate that I was looking in  
>>> my side mirror when he crouched down and walked behind my parked  
>>> car--if I hadn't done that he would be dead. Note that this kid was  
>>> old enough to have a driver's license.  
>>  
>> That is why Russians have dash cameras.  
>>  
>>  
> A dash cam wouldn't have helped much in that case. (My understanding  
> is that Russians have dash cams so they'll have a defense against  
> fraudulent "accidents" and crooked cops.)

So I am told.

I heard a story of a man who delivered to Russia, and with a valuable cargo, made arrangements to have a police car in front and behind, so the driver of the truck noticed the cops in the front car were passing a bottle back and forth, and after a while, pulled into the side, both cops completely blotto.

The man in Moscow walking with his Russian friend, a car passes doing a big speed, lights flashing, siren going.

"Wow, your police look efficient"

"That's not a police car."

It will take them a while to get over 1989.

>  
> All (new) vehicles sold in the US have been required to have backup  
> cameras since May 2018. In Canada, since 2016.

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:54:10 GMT

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I'm pretty sure microwave on full for one hour or until the  
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| Steve O'Hara-Smith           | Directable Mirror Arrays                                    |
| C:\>WIN                      | A better way to focus the sun                               |
| The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see                                      |
| You lose and Bill collects.  | <a href="http://www.sohara.org/">http://www.sohara.org/</a> |

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [mausg](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 08:57:08 GMT  
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On 2018-12-20, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:  
> On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 14:10:21 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:  
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>> On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 10:11:13 PM UTC-5, Charlie Gibbs wrote:  
>>> On 2018-12-20, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:  
>>>  
>> grew up to be troubled and troublemakers.  
>  
> On the other hand, a lot of couples that married because they were in  
> LUUUUVVVV didn't work out. Friend of mine has been married three  
> times and none of them worked out. Another was married, got divorced,  
> and is now raising a kid with her boyfriend (it's his kid, not the  
> husband's) who she has no intention of marrying. Statistically about  
> half of all marriages in the US end in divorce.

I think that is a bit misleading, AFAIK, some people get married a lot.

man by the name of Dennis, published a \_lot\_ of magazines,  
including the British "Computer Shopper", in older age some asked him  
where the money was spent.

"Women and drugs. I wasted the rest."

I like telling my women friends that story.

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As long as you don't mind the pieces of microwave and smartphone whizzing  
around after the explosion :)

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Reminds me of the end of the US-Vietnam War, when people started to wonder where the money had gone.

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On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 20:41:50 -0500, J. Clarke

<jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Fri, 21 Dec 2018 01:35:59 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:

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Does either state get especially butthurt if you buy all your fuel in the other? That's essentially what EVs bring to the table.

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That's the difference between long-and short-term capital gains, but I think the time period is only a year.

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Pete

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The "location thingie" needs all the RF systems working, otherwise it can't figure out a location or report it. And that "other tiny battery" isn't going to last long driving those systems.

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> the other? That's essentially what EVs bring to the table.

So far they haven't tried to tax it that way. And most of us in that situation where I work \_do\_ buy all their fuel in one state. It's about 10 cents a gallon cheaper in MA. It has been pointed out that if people are buying something in MA because the tax there is lower,

you are doing something wrong. MA is famous for high taxes.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 14:16:49 GMT  
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>>> On 2018-12-20, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:  
>>>> On 20 Dec 2018 09:33:57 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:  
>>>> >On 2018-12-20, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:  
>>>> >> On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 1:06:37 PM UTC-5, Charlie Gibbs wrote:  
>>>> >>  
>>>> >>> Of course, to be Politically Correct, every occurrence of "SUV"  
>>>> >>> must be preceded by the phrase "gas-guzzling".  
>>>> >>  
>>>> >> In an era where extracting oil is more and more expensive  
>>>> >> and destructive, and comes out of politically unstable countries,  
>>>> >> we need to conserve it. What will happen to our economy if gasoline  
>>>> >> hits \$5/gallon?  
>>>> >  
>>>> >Boo-fucking-hoo. Petrol has been well over \$5/gallon in Europe for many  
>>>> >many years.  
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>>>> The oil glut hasn't driven your prices down ? It has here. We are at  
>>>> \$1.89/gal right now.  
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>>>> Jim  
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>>> 1.35  
> Litre, I should have added.  
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>>> , I think, locally. most is tax. Where they are going to raise  
>>> that amount if people change to electricity is the problem  
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>> How to get highway tax out of electric cars is a problem our  
>> government hasn't dealt with. There have been proposals for a tax on  
>> miles traveled but there have also been proposals to lynch the persons  
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>  
>>>> Whenever someone proposes a usage fee for anything, there's such a hue  
>>>> and cry that we inevitably wind up with something much less equitable.  
>>>  
>>> The issue isn't the fee, it's the government tracking movement.  
>>> Although we've already accepted Soviet-style internal passports, so I  
>>> guess we may as well give up.

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Well, we just get old, but if there is a cause, it's the lack of exercise.

(This 73 year old heading for the gym in a few minutes.)

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Dan Espen

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
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Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 18:29:00 GMT

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Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> writes:

> In the US, anyhow. Mike's right, we need a severely escalating  
> scale. Much of our market is now controlled by computers trading on  
> their own volition in extremely short time intervals. That should make  
> everyone queasy. Though a 1% transaction tax would probably take care  
> of that extreme problem by necessitating adult supervision. (Gene  
> Wirchenko had an item in Risks Digest about this, an example being  
> Berkshire Hathaway stock being skewed because trading computers saw  
> news about actress Anne Hathaway.)

lots of articles on the HFT players primarily slugging it out with each  
other trying to win the next few cents (thousands of times per second)  
.... which holds prospect of forcing investors out of the market (since  
system has been so thoroughly gamed)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-frequency\\_trading](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-frequency_trading)

this is decade old article (even before the big rise of HFT) ... that  
they had already illegally gamed the system (and had nothing to worry  
about from SEC)  
<http://nypost.com/2007/03/20/cramer-reveals-a-bit-too-much/>

a couple recent posts mentioning HFT

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018b.html#95> The Return Of Haim Bodek - HFT's First  
Whistleblower

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/2018f.html#104> Netscape: The Fire That Filled Silicon Valley's First  
Bubble

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virtualization experience starting Jan1968, online at home since Mar1970

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 18:29:10 GMT

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> you?

I am pretty sure that it has not been imposed on me. The only vehicle I have with any kind of connectivity is the plug-in and its modem is fried. So no, it has not been imposed.

In any case, this is the United States where leaking government secrets is a national pastime (we have nothing resembling an "official secrets act") so the notion that some mysterious "they" are going to impose widespread tracking of vehicle movements by the government without anybody being aware of it is ludicrous.

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> WiFi, drove down the street of a local town, and listened to it going  
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Geez, my fucking phone will detect open wifi. So what? That's not widespread tracking of vehicle movements by the government.

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Posted by [sidd](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 20:33:10 GMT

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In article <slrnq1pan4.1pg.mausg@dmaus.org>, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

> asked where the money was spent.  
>  
> "Women and drugs. I wasted the rest."  
>  
> I like telling my women friends that story.  
>

I heard the version:

"Fast women, slow horses, cheap whiskey and bad cocaine. The rest, i misspent."

sidd

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 20:37:26 GMT  
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Posted by [hancock4](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 20:43:17 GMT  
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On Friday, December 21, 2018 at 3:15:00 AM UTC-5, Mike Spencer wrote:

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> eventually criminal lawyer in both senses, became an alcoholic,  
> started carrying a gun, taking payment from prostitute clients in

- > trade. Divorce in the works when alcohol killed him. Would never have
- > predicted that 15 years before when he was an Explorer Scout and even
- > saved my life once.

I have enough gray hair to have known people a long time, and I know of several examples like the above--where a young person started out at the top of the world, then years later eventually really screwed up their life. One co-worker died of alcoholism after a good career. An high school friend murdered his girlfriend (that really baffled me). A guy who graduated with honors from college in accounting had to file for bankruptcy thanks to irresponsible spending--how does an accountant overspend?

Some things I just don't understand. One explanation I heard was that the demons were always there, but just repressed. I don't know.

- >
  - > Another high school buddy: Married a lovely, highly talented woman.
  - > After several years, woman decided that polyamory was what she needed,
  - > wanted to be married to two men. Buddy wasn't up for that, divorce.
  - > Similarly, would never have predicted that 10 years before.
  - >
  - >> Being in love (as opposed to being in lust) helps, though.
  - >
  - > Pretty sure "in love" applied in both cases.
  - >
  - > --
  - > Mike Spencer                      Nova Scotia, Canada
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 20:46:29 GMT  
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On Friday, December 21, 2018 at 3:37:34 AM UTC-5, Mike Spencer wrote:

- >> Are you saying that the United States is a "politically unstable
- >> country"?
- >
- > The OP may not have done so but I'd be happy to say that the US is
- > politically in the middle of a slow motion train wreck. Some wheels
- > have come off, only a few people have died, stuff is coming apart at
- > all points and half the passengers don't even know it's happening.
- > Red-hot wheels, flaming wreckage and body parts have yet to start
- > raining down all over the place but, yew know, it's slo-mo. All the

> fuvg is in the air. Just FF a few frames.

The events in the last 24 hours would seem to support the above.

One news channel, we'll call Faux, hysterically lies--they had on a congressman literally screaming that illegal aliens are murderers killing people right and left nationwide. Yeah, that little 7 y/o girl who died in govt custody wielded an AK-47. Lies do not solve problems, nor does broken deals.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 21:25:45 GMT  
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> Some things I just don't understand. One explanation I heard was  
> that the demons were always there, but just repressed. I don't know.

We walk around thinking we are rational, but most of us can only do an approximation of being rational.

After coding up bug after bug, I think I'm pretty aware of how our intellects fall short.

"Demons", that's crazy talk. We all make our own decisions. Those decisions are just bad sometimes.

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Dan Espen

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On Fri, 21 Dec 2018 12:37:26 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

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> there.

Ezpass only works on toll roads and doesn't give any details, yes, it  
can show I went to Boston, no, it can't show what I did there.

> Employers these days routinely track employees by the  
> cell phone.

Employer-provided cell phones with special apps installed.

> Also, even those who ride public transit are tracked via modern  
> electronic media.

Details?

> It wouldn't surprise me if the modern chip in credit cards serves  
> as a tracking device, even if we don't use the card.

How does it do that?

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 22:20:00 GMT  
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On Friday, December 21, 2018 at 2:25:46 PM UTC-7, Dan Espen wrote:  
> hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com writes:

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In this case, it is clear from context he was referring to psychological processes within the mind, not actual fallen angels.

John Savard

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 03:01:14 GMT  
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A lot of people eagerly sign up to be tracked, perceiving the benefits to outweigh the cost. For now it's still rather easy to avoid if one chooses, as I do.

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Silly! They put those transcievers in eyeglass frames now. The ones in credit cards had a tendency to get swamped in conflicting signals from the nanoconductor antennae in bank notes.

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Subject: location tracking

Posted by [Ivan Shmakov](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 05:15:17 GMT

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I can not have one in the first place, thankfully. Unless I'm on a trip to Buryatia, which is where my superior gets insistent.

>>> Turning off the car while driving is not nearly as practical.

>>> In any case, neither is reporting one's movements directly to the  
>>> government.

>> To have any affect, you need to remove the battery, \_and\_ get  
>> someone qualified to check that there is not another tiny battery  
>> somewhere that is powering the location thingie.

> The "location thingie" needs all the RF systems working, otherwise  
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Alternatively, it can use the receiver alone, and write data to a flash, for future transmission. I gather that'll make the tiny battery last longer.

[...]

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FSF associate member #7257 <http://am-1.org/~ivan/>

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Subject: Re: location tracking

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 05:43:45 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Sat, 22 Dec 2018 05:15:17 +0000, Ivan Shmakov <ivan@siamics.net> wrote:

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Not much longer. GPS is a power hog. And the workaround involves triangulation off of cell towers that also consumes power. There just isn't any way to track location with "another tiny battery". My Garmin watch, which will run a week on a charge with the GPS turned off, runs about 3 hours with the GPS turned on. When I'm using Google Maps the regular charger on my phone can't keep up with it, I have to use a fast charger. A typical standalone GPS with no communication capability at all runs about 16 hours on 2 AA batteries.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 05:53:24 GMT

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We generally make decisions and then rationalise them.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith

| Directable Mirror Arrays



C:\>WIN | A better way to focus the sun  
The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see  
You lose and Bill collects. | <http://www.sohara.org/>

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
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On 2018-12-22, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <[steveo@eircom.net](mailto:steveo@eircom.net)> wrote:  
> On Fri, 21 Dec 2018 16:25:45 -0500  
> Dan Espen <[dan1espen@gmail.com](mailto:dan1espen@gmail.com)> wrote:  
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>> We walk around thinking we are rational, but most of us can only do an  
>> approximation of being rational.  
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> We generally make decisions and then rationalise them.  
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[Maus@ireland.com](mailto:Maus@ireland.com)  
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 16:52:03 GMT  
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 16:57:28 GMT

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Posted by [Anne & Lynn Wheel](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 17:43:56 GMT  
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Dave Garland <dave.garland@wizinfo.com> writes:  
> There are 2 types of cc chip. One requires physical contact. One (and  
> some smartphones with appropriate app) does interact with nearby  
> equipment, but I believe the range is only a foot or so. More powerful  
> ones such as those in passports can interact over multiple feet. RF  
> blocking card cases, wallets, etc. are available.

the contact ones require enormous amounts of power (& time) to drive the crypto. transit industry asked me to design a contactless chip (ISO 14443) that could do stronger crypto than the payment industry standard contact chip, but done within transit turnstyle/gate contactless power limitation and 100ms transit turnstyle/gate time limitation (allowing same chip to be used for both transit and payment transactions).

the payment industry had previously looked at how their contact chip could be used for transit ... the came up with an RF sleeve/adaptor that card was placed in and a 20ft RF tunnel that people would walk slowly through leading up to the turnstyle ...

there had been a large pilot of the payment industry standard contact chip card in the US at the turn of the century ... but it was during the "YES CARD" period (somebody's observation at ATM Integrity taskforce meeting was that the payment industry managed to spend billions of dollars to prove chips were less secure than magstripe). In the wake of the "YES CARD" debacle, there was references that it would be a long time before it was tried again in the US (letting other jurisdictions be the guinea pigs and work out all the bugs) ... "YES CARD" posts  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/subintegrity.html#yescard>

some old contactless chip posts:

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsmore.htm#bioinfo1> QC Bio-info leak?

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsmore.htm#bioinfo2> QC Bio-info leak?

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm2.htm#straw> AADS Strawman

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm2.htm#strawm3> AADS Strawman

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aepay3.htm#x959risk3> Risk Management in AA / draft X9.59

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm7.htm#idcard2> AGAINST ID CARDS

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aepay11.htm#23> DOD Prepares for biometric embedded smart card pilot

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aepay11.htm#52> Visa, Philips team to promote 'contactless' credit card

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm12.htm#8> [3d-secure] 3D Secure and EMV

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm12.htm#21> Smartcard in CD

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm13.htm#15> A challenge

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm13.htm#16> A challenge

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm13.htm#17> A challenge

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm13.htm#18> A challenge

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm15.htm#6> x9.59

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm17.htm#7> Phillips, Visa push contactless payments in consumer devices

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm21.htm#13> Contactless payments and the security challenges

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm21.htm#15> [Clips] Contactless payments and the security challenges

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm21.htm#24> Broken SSL domain name trust model

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm22.htm#5> long-term GPG signing key

<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm22.htm#13> Face and fingerprints swiped in Dutch biometric passport crack (another card skim vulnerability)  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm22.htm#40> FraudWatch - Chip&Pin, a new tenner (USD10)  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm22.htm#45> Court rules email addresses are not signatures, and signs death warrant for Digital Signatures  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm22.htm#48> Court rules email addresses are not signatures, and signs death warrant for Digital Signatures  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm23.htm#56> UK Detects Chip-And-PIN Security Flaw  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#1> UK Detects Chip-And-PIN Security Flaw  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#2> UK Banks Expected To Move To DDA EMV Cards  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#5> New ISO standard aims to ensure the security of financial transactions on the Internet  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#6> Securely handling credit card transactions earns Blackboard kudos  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#7> Naked Payments IV - let's all go naked  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#8> Microsoft - will they bungle the security game?  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#27> DDA cards may address the UK Chip&Pin woes  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#28> DDA cards may address the UK Chip&Pin woes  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm24.htm#30> DDA cards may address the UK Chip&Pin woes  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm25.htm#1> Crypto to defend chip IP: snake oil or good idea?  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm25.htm#24> DDA cards may address the UK Chip&Pin woes  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm26.htm#48> Governance of anonymous financial services  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm26.htm#60> crypto component services - is there a market?  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm26.htm#63> Public key encrypt-then-sign or sign-then-encrypt?  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm27.htm#37> The bank fraud blame game  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm28.htm#43> Realistic dynamics of contactless  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm28.htm#44> Realistic dynamics of contactless  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm28.htm#45> Realistic dynamics of contactless  
<http://www.garlic.com/~lynn/aadsm28.htm#49> Price point

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 18:16:45 GMT

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Don't be disingenous. Every patrol car has one in its lightbar in many US cities  
and some cities have fixed readers covering certain areas.

[https://www.eff.org/pages/automated-license-plate-readers-al pr](https://www.eff.org/pages/automated-license-plate-readers-al-pr)

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 20:29:56 GMT  
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On 2018-12-21, Mike Spencer <[mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere](mailto:mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere)> wrote:

> Charlie Gibbs <[cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid](mailto:cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid)> writes:  
>  
>> OK, looks like it's time to dig out my Grinchified Xmas carols:  
>  
> I trust you've seen the movie of Terry Pratchett's \_Hogfather\_.  
>  
> The appearance of the Hogfather [1] in the department store at the  
> peak of holiday shopping frenzy is priceless.  
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>  
> [1] Well, his understudy, but no spoilers here if you have yet to see  
> it.

I have seen it, but it was a while ago, and Terry Pratchett's sense of  
humour, although delightful, is just a bit off from mine.

Maybe it's time to dig it out again, though. It is the right time  
of year...

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/~\ [cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid](mailto:cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid) (Charlie Gibbs)  
\ / I'm really at [ac.dekanfrus](mailto:ac.dekanfrus) if you read it the right way.  
X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.  
/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?



Posted by [hancock4](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 20:31:46 GMT

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On Friday, December 21, 2018 at 10:00:16 PM UTC-5, Scott wrote:

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Many transit carriers have gone to magnetic media. Some make it hard to use cash. In any event, one has to buy the farecard, and tracking begins with that.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 20:32:17 GMT

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Apropos of...?

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [hancock4](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 20:37:19 GMT

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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 22:16:35 GMT

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I once got a ticket for a license plate too hard to read.  
It was on my front bumper and saw too many contacts with objects.

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Not afraid of being tracked.

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 23:23:09 GMT  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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Subject: Re: searching for the answer to Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [John Levine](#) on Sat, 22 Dec 2018 23:31:05 GMT

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Regards,  
John Levine, johnl@iecc.com, Primary Perpetrator of "The Internet for Dummies",  
Please consider the environment before reading this e-mail. <https://jl.ly>

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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 00:48:29 GMT

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Looks like Bing and Yahoo.  
I thought they used Google too, my mistake.

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Dan Espen

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 06:34:16 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [rpw3](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 06:39:47 GMT  
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<hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:

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| In my state, obscured license plates are illegal.  
| However, they apparently don't enforce that law.

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On the other hand, Menlo Park, CA, definitely *\*does\** enforce it!!  
I was stopped earlier this year for having "obscured/defaced" my license plate. When I explained that the plate was merely old [car purchased in 1993!], he dropped the "obscured/defaced" charge but made me promise to go in to the DMV and buy a new plate [which I did, only \$25 or so] and let me off without a ticket.

Apparently it was flagged because the license plate reader in his squad car couldn't read it! [The retroreflective background had too much road grime on it? Was still perfectly readable by humans. ;-} ]

-Rob

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Rob Warnock <[rpw3@rpw3.org](mailto:rpw3@rpw3.org)>  
627 26th Avenue <<http://rpw3.org/>>  
San Mateo, CA 94403

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>>>> > Avoid being tracked? How about license plate readers?  
>>>> >  
>>>> > Google maps doesn't scare me in the least.  
>>>>  
>>>> Try automating searching for "Easyist Ways to commit suicide" on Google :)  
>>>  
>>> Google doesn't like the way you spelled that.  
>>> Top hit, suicide hotline. I don't see your point.  
>>>  
>>> Was I supposed to do that on a cell phone?  
>>>  
>>  
>> I should have added that google \_doesnot\_ like automated searches.  
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> I'm still not sure what you mean.

Not sure myself. If you did commit suicide, it would be remarked on that you had made a query on google, and that Google kept a record of you doing that, which in future, might lead to the Stasi visiting you shortly after.

Better search would be for, first "Trump", then "How to make a homemade bomb", finished by "Trumps future travels"

> Isn't duck-duck-go doing Google searches?  
> Seems like there's at least one way to request a Google search.  
>  
> Then there is this:  
>  
> <https://github.com/Malabarba/emacs-google-this>  
>  
> a

I am a 'Vim' person.

Something, pick a random word, your script enters it in googles search box, clicks on Submit, the script waits a random time, submits another, and so on.

Reason would to hide your real searches in a fug of spurious ones.

Last time i did that, i was 'suspended' for while.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 09:55:25 GMT

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On 22 Dec 2018 22:40:13 GMT

Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-22, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

>> I have seen it, but it was a while ago, and Terry Pratchett's sense of  
>> humour, although delightful, is just a bit off from mine.

>

> BURN THE HERETIC!!!!

Now, now brother Huge you know well that since the prophet Brutha  
we of Om no longer burn heretics, that is far too merciful. We invite them  
to tea and talks, offer them counseling and pamphlets and ensure regular  
visits from our concerned priests.

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Posted by [Joe Makowiec](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 10:34:20 GMT

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On 22 Dec 2018 in alt.folklore.computers, Peter Flass wrote:

> Can't you feed cash into the ticket spitter?

A year or so back, the Massachusetts Turnpike went to all EZPass or plate  
reader. They took down the toll booths completely.

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Joe Makowiec

<http://makowiec.org/>

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Email: <http://makowiec.org/contact/?Joe>

Usenet Improvement Project: <http://twovoyagers.com/improve-usenet.org/>

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 11:12:55 GMT

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The fees on those tend to be high making that solution yet another  
way to make life more expensive for the poor.

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From what I understand it's a meta crawler.

In my opinion the quality of the search result is poor compared to Google.

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I think we've had a failure to communicate. I wasn't talking about a card specific to transportation. Around here some employers will give the employee his pay on a debit card. He can then use it anywhere that credit cards are accepted, which is just about everywhere. If he wants bus tokens he can pay for them with it, if he wants a hamburger or a new suit the same.

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>>>> On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 1:06:37 PM UTC-5, Charlie Gibbs wrote:  
>>>>  
>>>> > Of course, to be Politically Correct, every occurrence of "SUV"

>>>> > must be preceded by the phrase "gas-guzzling".  
>>>>  
>>>> In an era where extracting oil is more and more expensive  
>>>> and destructive, and comes out of politically unstable countries,  
>>>> we need to conserve it. What will happen to our economy if gasoline  
>>>> hits \$5/gallon?  
>>>  
>>> Boo-fucking-hoo. Petrol has been well over \$5/gallon in Europe for many  
>>> many years.  
>>  
>> The oil glut hasn't driven your prices down ? It has here. We are at  
>> \$1.89/gal right now.  
>  
> The vast majority of the price of a litre of petrol here is tax, several  
> of them flat rate, so they don't vary with the price of crude.

Its very likely the majority of the \$1.89 is taxes to.

I worked at a Boy Scout camp last century. The camp bought gas for the camp truck and the lawn mowers. Gas was over \$1.00 a gallon then.

Kerosene was about half the typical cost.

Some gas stations here show something like \$1.899. The second 9 is part of the tax structure. I don't know the exact percentage, but over half the cost of a gallon is taxes.

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Jim

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 18:05:04 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:  
> On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 10:51:57 -0600, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:  
>  
>> 1950s in Texas gasoline was 25 cents per gallon. When it went up to 50  
>> cents people were very upset. Someone predicted on television it might  
>> go up to \$1.50 in 2 decades. Yeah, they were a bit off.  
>  
> It's funny how folks always remember how much gas or a soda cost when  
> they were young, but they seem to forget how big their paychecks were.

I didn't have a pay check then, I had a \$2 a week allowance I used on

comic books and candy.

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Jim

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>> <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:

>>> On Wed, 19 Dec 2018 16:55:29 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

>>>> How many buying those trucks really need it? I dare say a very

>>>> substantial number rationalize their need and only get it because

>>>> they want the psychological pleasure of driving a big vehicle.

>>>

>>> Nobody has appointed you arbiter of others' needs. If you want to

>>> live in a society where each gets according to what someone like you

>>> perceives to be his needs, you might try Cuba.

>>

>> In every part of the United States I have lived in, buying a V8 pickup

>> was an ego thing; however, some bought them for their business like

>> plumbing, electrical, etc.

>

> It might be ironic that most of what are sold as a "truck" at the

> consumer level (well, in the USA anyway) are scarcely that. They call

> things "trucks" that cannot carry a stack of plywood or lumber, a

> scoop of mulch or some baby trees, or tow another truck of its own

> kind on a trailer.

>

> When I needed a truck, I needed a truck and not a truck-shaped car.

> Oddly enough, nothing with a V-8 was good enough. The right truck

> turned out to have an inline 6-cylinder engine.

I have seen V-8 pickups hauling such things.

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Jim

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> On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 16:09:05 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach

> <ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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>> On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 10:49:20 -0600, JimP wrote:

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>>> On 20 Dec 2018 09:33:57 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

>>>> On 2018-12-20, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:

>>>> >

>>>> > In an era where extracting oil is more and more expensive

>>>> > and destructive, and comes out of politically unstable countries,

>>>> > we need to conserve it. What will happen to our economy if gasoline

>>>> > hits \$5/gallon?

>>>>

>>>> Boo-fucking-hoo. Petrol has been well over \$5/gallon in Europe for many

>>>> many years.

>>>

>>> The oil glut hasn't driven your prices down ? It has here. We are at

>>> \$1.89/gal right now.

>>

>> Oil is traditional more expensive in European countries than the US. May

>> be because they close zero own oil. Some countries drill in the North-Sea

>> but that alone isn't enough so they import from oil rich countries in the

>> Arab world.

>

> I think JimP should remember that the oil glut is substantially an

> American phenomenon. The US is the largest producer, followed by

> Saudi, then Russia, then the little guys, none of which produce more

> than half what Russia produces.

We get about one-third from US like the Gulf of Mexico, one-third from Canadian Shale, and one-third from other sources.

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Jim

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 23:27:45 GMT

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Originally posted by: JimP

On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 14:10:21 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:  
> On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 10:11:13 PM UTC-5, Charlie Gibbs wrote:  
>> On 2018-12-20, hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com <hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com> wrote:  
>>  
>>> On Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 6:07:03 PM UTC-5, J. Clarke wrote:  
>>>  
>>>> For every kid that gets abducted by a stranger 90 run away from home  
>>>> voluntarily. 1 percent of children who die in the United States are  
>>>> murdered by strangers who abducted them. If you want to protect your  
>>>> kid you really should be working on the other 99 percent.  
>>>  
>>> Unfortunately, the fear over child abduction has been driven, in part,  
>>> by abduction by estranged parents in custody battles.  
>>>  
>>> The decay of marriage has created a lot of warring parents. Terrible  
>>> for all.  
>>>  
>>> I must admit it's something I don't understand. How do two people  
>>> willing to bed each other turn into bitter enemies not long  
>>> afterwards? Happens quite a bit these days. IMHO, this is a  
>>> big contributor of social ills.  
>>  
>> Those damned hormones...  
>  
> I wonder if years ago if people, overall, were responsible about  
> keeping their zipper up and being responsible about sex. However,  
> I don't know the statistics on this.

Most of us did in the early to mid-1960s in my area in Texas. But there were students who 'went to a cousin's house to visit' and came back slimmer. We weren't supposed to notice she was no longer pregnant nor that she had been pregnant. Gas stations back then didn't sell condoms. When my folks and I traveled outside Texas to visit relatives, I started seeing 'sold for the prevention of disease only' condom machines for 25 cents each.

> Admittedly, the forced marriages of the old days were definitely  
> not a panacea. A lot of those couples were resentful and bitter  
> and this led to a lousy family life.

My grandpa called them 'shot gun weddings'.

> One of the dirty secrets of the "wonderful" 1950s was that  
> many families were the result of quickie or forced marriages  
> inspired by the war. A number (I don't know the percentage)  
> were very unhappy, but the families suffered in silence since  
> no one talked about those things. The kids of those marriages

> grew up to be troubled and troublemakers.

My first dad had flashbacks to his time in Axis POW camps. My parents divorced when I was 3 or 4 years of age. Mom remarried when I was 7.

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Jim

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Sun, 23 Dec 2018 23:50:47 GMT  
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Originally posted by: JimP

On 21 Dec 2018 08:24:36 GMT, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:  
> On 2018-12-20, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:  
>> On 20 Dec 2018 22:16:10 GMT, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid>  
>> wrote:  
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>>> On 2018-12-20, J Clarke <jclarke.873638@gmail.com> wrote:  
>>>  
>>>> How to get highway tax out of electric cars is a problem our  
>>>> government hasn't dealt with. There have been proposals for a tax on  
>>>> miles traveled but there have also been proposals to lynch the persons  
>>>> proposing such a model as any mechanism for enforcing it is seen as  
>>>> inordinately intrusive by many people.  
>>>  
>>> Probably the same people who have OnStar in their cars watching over  
>>> them,  
>>  
>> You mean GM customers?  
>>  
>>> plus smartphones acting as electronic ankle bracelets...  
>>  
>> I can turn off a phone. Turning off the car while driving is not  
>> nearly as practical. In any case, neither is reporting one's  
>> movements directly to the government.  
>>  
> To have any affect, you need to remove the battery, \_and\_ get  
> someone qualified to check that there is not another tiny battery  
> somewhere that is powering the location thingie.  
>  
> For real protection, one would better drive over the smartphone, collect  
> the pieces and throw them into a river, at midnight, on a night with  
> no moon.

And total cloud cover so one of the over 4,000 satellites taking

photos of the Earth don't take your picture doing that.

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Jim

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Charlie Gibbs](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 01:30:29 GMT

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On 2018-12-22, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-22, Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> wrote:

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>> On 2018-12-21, Mike Spencer <mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere> wrote:

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>>> Charlie Gibbs <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> writes:

>>>

>>>> OK, looks like it's time to dig out my Grinchified Xmas carols:

>>>

>>> I trust you've seen the movie of Terry Pratchett's \_Hogfather\_.

>>>

>>> The appearance of the Hogfather [1] in the department store at the  
>>> peak of holiday shopping frenzy is priceless.

>>>

>>> [1] Well, his understudy, but no spoilers here if you have yet to see  
>>> it.

>>

>> I have seen it, but it was a while ago, and Terry Pratchett's sense of  
>> humour, although delightful, is just a bit off from mine.

>

> BURN THE HERETIC!!!!

Have mercy, I beg you! I found the 2-disc set of the TV adaptation  
that a friend gave me a while ago; I've already watched the first one,  
and will watch the second later tonight.

Hope all is forgiven, and happy Hogswatch to you all.

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/~\ cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid (Charlie Gibbs)

\ / I'm really at ac.dekanfrus if you read it the right way.

X Top-posted messages will probably be ignored. See RFC1855.

/\ Fight low-contrast text in web pages! <http://contrastrebellion.com>

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 01:50:30 GMT

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Subject: Re: searching for the answer to Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 01:55:02 GMT

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Originally posted by: nobody

On Sun, 23 Dec 2018 15:07:55 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

> On Sat, 22 Dec 2018 23:31:05 -0000 (UTC), John Levine wrote:

>>

>> In article <pvmf4c\$I9b\$1@dont-email.me>,  
>> Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

>>> maus <mausg@mail.com> writes:

>>> I'm still not sure what you mean.

>>> Isn't duck-duck-go doing Google searches?

>>

>> I believe it's Bing underneath.

>

> From what I understand it's a meta crawler.

>

> In my opinion the quality of the search result is poor compared to Google.

I find DDG's search results are far superior to Google's, when Google  
decides that because (a) I don't run Javascript and (b) I don't store  
cookies, I must be a robot and so it blacklists my IP address.



But I could be wrong.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [sidd](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 06:57:56 GMT  
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In article <slrnq1ul7j.1o5.mausg@dmaus.org>, maus <mausg@mail.com> wrote:

>  
> Something, pick a random word, your script enters it in googles search box,  
> clicks on Submit, the script waits a random time, submits another, and so on.  
>  
> Reason would to hide your real searches in a fug of spurious ones.  
>  
> Last time i did that, i was 'suspended' for while.

a few years ago google would shut you down after fifty odd automated requests. dunno what the limit is now. you can buy access for automated searches from from them, expensive.

sidd

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [sidd](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 07:01:27 GMT  
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In article <pvlq3j\$kcj\$1@dont-email.me>,  
Dan Espen <dan1espen@gmail.com> wrote:

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now those are an issue. The repo guys and cops now have readers on all their vehicles recording at all times, synchronized with DMV data. And probably car thieves too.

Anytime you park on the street or any publicly visible spot, you are vulnerable. There are thousands if not tens of thousands in readers cruising the roads at any given time in the USA.

sidd

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 08:04:32 GMT

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I am told that the readers in the cop cars take a minute or so to  
get up to speed. which is why they avoid turning off the engines  
if possible.

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Maus@ireland.com

Opinions offered on any subject:

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 08:08:14 GMT

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On 2018-12-23, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:

> On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 18:05:04 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:  
>> On Thu, 20 Dec 2018 10:51:57 -0600, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:  
>>  
>>> 1950s in Texas gasoline was 25 cents per gallon. When it went up to 50  
>>> cents people were very upset. Someone predicted on television it might  
>>> go up to \$1.50 in 2 decades. Yeah, they were a bit off.  
>>  
>> It's funny how folks always remember how much gas or a soda cost when  
>> they were young, but they seem to forget how big their paychecks were.  
>  
> I didn't have a pay check then, I had a \$2 a week allowance I used on  
> comic books and candy.  
>  
> --

> Jim

There was a time when paying people with anything else than cash, or bank transfer was illegal. Before that time, some people would be paid in couponly-like things that could be used only in certain shops, usually ones owned by the same company.

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Maus@ireland.com

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 08:17:24 GMT

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> and will watch the second later tonight.  
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Yes.

> ...and happy Hogswatch to you all.

And the same to you. We'll watch the whole thing Monday evening.

Must go bait the trap for the Eater of Socks.

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Mike Spencer

Nova Scotia, Canada

Redo from start.

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Subject: Re: searching for the answer to Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 08:29:37 GMT

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>  
> But I could be wrong.

Just once in many years I received a response from Gwgle search saying I looked like a robot.

I don't enable cookies or js and I contrive not to route search "hits" on which I click back through Gwgle. So Gwglw knows my IP addy made the query and knows when I click on the "cached" versions of docs but doesn't get the tracking data appended to "hit" URLs normally routed back through the Gwgle server.

And I get a different IP addy every time I dial up, too.

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Mike Spencer                      Nova Scotia, Canada

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

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Massachusetts, 1955, I was a kid with a part time job in a local drugstore. Guy comes in, approaches the counter, looks all around, mutters, "Three". Becomes agitated when I asked, "Three what?" Demands to see the pharmacist.

Oh, right. Three condoms pre-wrapped in brown paper. "Sold for the prevention of disease only".

As entertaining as the old lady who came in once a month with her

clinking shopping bag. Hitting all the drug stores in town, on foot,  
for her statutorily allowed three bottles of peregoric.

They had two cartons of already very old Ramses cigarettes in the back  
of the tobacco storage cabinet. I should have bought them. Probably  
be worth a fortune today. Really nice package art. I stopped in 25  
years later and asked if they were still there. Nope.

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Mike Spencer                      Nova Scotia, Canada

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 10:39:35 GMT

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On 24 Dec 2018 04:46:32 -0400

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Customer in the newsagent:

1970s: TWENTY MARLBORO ... <whisper>and a packet of condoms please</whisper>

2000s: A PACKET OF CONDOMS PLEASE ... <whisper>and twenty marlboro</whisper>

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 10:43:05 GMT

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So spot a car of the same make, model, colour and year  
(approximately) as yours and have a plate made, do it several times and use  
them when you want to be anonymous. Just don't get stopped showing them!

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Not quite unknown, things like the Toyota Hiace are popular with the  
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Native Americans like them, I believe.

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Maus@ireland.com  
Will Rant For Food

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Unfortunately, they arrived after my arthritis left me unable to get out of one. Get in, all right. Sometime later.

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That must be Kerry. Around here, a certain chemist in a certain town,

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Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 18:43:36 GMT  
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<dave.garland@wizinfo.com> wrote:

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>>>  
>>>> Perhaps an adjustment in taxation is in order, something like the long  
>>>> vs short term capital gains tax only applied to houses--live there 40  
>>>> years and sell you pay a low tax, live there 5 years and sell you get  
>>>> taxed 100 percent on any profit. That would cut down heavily on the  
>>>> "investment" aspect.

One nasty side-effect would be to effectively imprison some people. Suppose a family has the finances to afford a house but not much more, but then has good reason to move. An example would be an out-of-town parent now needing closer supervision.

>>> Hah! Yes. While you're up, get me one of those for stocks, too.  
>>>  
>>> Buy into a company, hold 20 years, small capital gains or none.  
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>>>> > "investment" aspect.

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> One nasty side-effect would be to effectively imprison some  
> people. Suppose a family has the finances to afford a house but not  
> much more, but then has good reason to move. An example would be an  
> out-of-town parent now needing closer supervision.

That's happened in California. There could be an inflation

adjustment. The idea is that people don't try to get rich by flipping houses.

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Bah, and indeed, Humbug.

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Posted by [Andreas Kohlbach](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 20:20:01 GMT  
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On Sun, 23 Dec 2018 17:00:59 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:

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> On Sun, 23 Dec 2018 16:24:34 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
> <[ank@spamfence.net](mailto:ank@spamfence.net)> wrote:  
>  
>> On Sun, 23 Dec 2018 15:07:38 -0500, J. Clarke wrote:  
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>>> The assumption you are making is that there is a bank account. A  
>>> prepaid card doesn't have an associated bank account, at least not one  
>>> associated with the cardholder.  
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>> I meant the RFD card is "hybrid". You can tickets on it by registering  
>> it the transportation company so they draw money from your bank account  
>> or credit card, thus have your name. Or use their machines or counter to  
>> by a certain number of tickets and pay with cash. Latter leaves you  
>> anonymous.  
>  
> I think we've had a failure to communicate.

We probably have. I was referring to

| Yes, my local public transit sells RFID cards for that, with scanners  
| in buses and on rail platforms. "Wave On, Wave Off", they say.

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Andreas

My random thoughts and comments  
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 20:35:17 GMT  
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Artificial Insimination works well, if you want a baby, but don't like men.  
((and, of course, if you are a woman, but you can always hire a poor Indian woman))

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 21:25:50 GMT  
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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 22:53:21 GMT  
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Originally posted by: nobody

On 24 Dec 2018 10:25:26 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-24, Scott <nobody@example.org> wrote:  
>> Some will, of course, but ones that do tend to be worse in the  
>> passenger comfort department. So the market wants, and gets, vehicles  
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Well, don't look now, but I think there might be some small cultural differences between the UK and the US in regard to private vehicles.

Some Americans choose their vehicles for vain purposes. I'm sure that nobody in the UK ever opts for a luxury or sports car when a plain old hatchback or estate is the practical choice.

In the US I can think of some valid applications for non-commercial use of pickup trucks. A lot of us like our RVs, including travel or camping trailers (caravans to you). Some camping trailers are small enough to tow by car, many are not. Some are much, much bigger and heavier - to the point that they would require special licensing if they were commercial, but we have a legal exception for private vehicles (wise or not, that's another subject). To take these anywhere, you have to have a truck.

In my part of the country, rodeo and livestock events are not uncommon. You can think of a Toyota Hilux pulling a one- or two-horse trailer, I can think you're not even close. My cousin does amateur horse stuff, usually taking four or five horses plus all of their equipment, tack, harnessing and feed for multi-day events. That takes big horse trailer and a truck to match. (When I say that, I mean a "big horse" trailer - he competes with draft horses, which are about twice the size of a race horse.)

In my case, I have a truck camper, a self-contained living unit that fits in the bed of a pickup, and can nominally be loaded and unloaded as needed (in practice it's a farking hassle). Mine is on the bigger, heavier end of the scale, so I needed a truck that could safely carry 5000 lbs (2300kg).

And then there are boat owners. I was one for a while, quite happy not to now or ever again. (If it floats, flies, or f...copulates, it's better to rent.)

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Then there's another trope:  
<[https://youtu.be/\\_aYZrvG5BkY](https://youtu.be/_aYZrvG5BkY)>

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Mon, 24 Dec 2018 23:13:42 GMT  
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On 24 Dec 2018 16:27:10 GMT  
mausg@mail.com wrote:

> On 2018-12-24, Ahem A Rivet's Shot <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

> They usually have fancy high covers over the load bed making  
>> them look a bit like oversized estate cars. They're sometimes registered  
>> commercial but they never see commercial use.

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> I beg to differ on that. If we are discussing the same vehicle, one

I meant the ones used by the horse owning crowd never see  
commercial use even if registered that way. I know of a fair few far less  
pretty examples in heavy use.

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 00:07:16 GMT  
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Acronym overloading has issues. I meant artificial intelligence.

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<steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

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Posted by [Gerard Schildberger](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 05:21:31 GMT

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No. Externalities are the aspects of your actions that are everybody else's business, because they affect others.

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Just because some ways of doing injury to others are less obvious does not mean they are beyond the just powers of government to prevent.

John Savard

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Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 05:27:53 GMT

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John Savard

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 05:28:45 GMT  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

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I definitely agree that laws are a more effective instrument for limiting carbon dioxide emissions than guilt trips. If a general discussion of the directions in which it would be advisable to amend the laws seems like an attempt to make people feel guilty, though, I cannot be too concerned.

John Savard

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 06:40:54 GMT

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Ha! Yes. That hadn't occurred to me. How the time fly.

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Mike Spencer                      Nova Scotia, Canada

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 06:58:40 GMT  
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In the UK, normally packs were rigid cardboard of 20, unless sold from a vending machine when they were the same size but contained a few less cigarettes.

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Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 07:17:42 GMT  
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- > users.

Depends on where you live and what you do. I'd have to pay someone to do an assortment of things or just get along without them without a pickup. A van of some kind is less utilitarian in general because loading awkward stuff is, well, more awkward. You can put a heavy thing onto a pickup with an engine hoist, a gin pole or just a come-along on a tree branch if you can't winch it up a ramp. I routinely move firewood, seaweed and manure, have moved a whole henhouse, whole small car (a Panhard) headed for scrapyard, diesel engine, saw logs, forge coal, cast iron wood stove, lumber, piano. Moved my entire blacksmith shop contents in 2002 with one, excluding only a couple of items exceeding a ton but I originally fetched one of those [1] home from the US on a pickup.

For awhile, I had a Land Rover, for awhile a VW van and long ago a Metro step-van. All good (especially the Land Rover) but all were less handy for moving stuff. A 4x4 pickup, preferably with the conventional box removed, replaced by a flatbed with removable sideboards, please.

None of this requires (here or most of USA AFAIK) the extra expense, regulation or insurance of a commercial registration if the mfgr's rated load capacity of the vehicle is 1/2 or 3/4 ton.

For the one year that I was an urban dweller, we sold the car.  
Too much expense and bother to park or garage it. Different world.

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 08:12:00 GMT  
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On 2018-12-25, Gene Wirchenko <[genew@telus.net](mailto:genew@telus.net)> wrote:  
> On 24 Dec 2018 21:23:25 GMT, [mausg@mail.com](mailto:mausg@mail.com) wrote:  
>  
>> On 2018-12-24, J Clarke <[jclarke.873638@gmail.com](mailto:jclarke.873638@gmail.com)> wrote:  
>>> On Mon, 24 Dec 2018 10:43:36 -0800, Gene Wirchenko <[genew@telus.net](mailto:genew@telus.net)>  
>>> wrote:  
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>>>> On Fri, 21 Dec 2018 09:53:08 -0600, Dave Garland  
>>>> <[dave.garland@wizinfo.com](mailto:dave.garland@wizinfo.com)> wrote:  
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>>>> >On 12/21/2018 4:10 AM, Peter Flass wrote:  
>>>> >> Mike Spencer <[mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere](mailto:mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere)> wrote:  
>>>> >>>  
>>>> >In the US, anyhow. Mike's right, we need a severely escalating scale.  
>>>> >Much of our market is now controlled by computers trading on their own  
>>>> >volition in extremely short time intervals. That should make everyone  
>>>> >queasy. Though a 1% transaction tax would probably take care of that  
>>>> >extreme problem by necessitating adult supervision. (Gene Wirchenko  
>>>> >had an item in Risks Digest about this, an example being Berkshire  
>>>> >Hathaway stock being skewed because trading computers saw news about  
>>>> >actress Anne Hathaway.)  
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>>>> AI is just so wonderful except when it is not.  
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>> Artificial Insimination works well, if you want a baby, but don't like men.  
>> ((and, of course, if you are a woman, but you can always hire a poor Indian woman))  
>  
> Acronym overloading has issues. I meant artificial intelligence.

I was merely taking the IPSS. Happy Day.

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Maus@ireland.com  
Will Rant For Food

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 08:18:08 GMT  
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That could be called 'old machine tool porn'

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Steve O'Hara-Smith | Directable Mirror Arrays  
C:\>WIN | A better way to focus the sun  
The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see  
You lose and Bill collects. | <http://www.sohara.org/>

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Once again we can blame the US. The newly independent Congo collapsed into chaos (caused by the CIA murdering the president), so Irish troops were flown in to 'restore order', in US airplanes, which refuelled at Wheelus AFB in Libya, where the Irish troops bought US Army standard rations, including condoms.

Later the priest went around and removed the condoms. It is possible that there is still a memory of Ireland in Katanga.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 10:36:09 GMT  
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Originally posted by: nobody

On 25 Dec 2018 10:02:48 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-25, Gerard Schildberger <gerard46@rrt.net> wrote:  
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Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 11:20:17 GMT  
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There must be Order :)

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Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

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Joined as a trainee programmer with the requirement to spend the first 6 months as an operator, but when I found that other operators who were in the queue before me were now 3 years into their wait for an uplift onto a programmer's desk, I quit and joined the Scientific Services Dept at Portishead Power Station where I'd been as an intern the year before and got my good grounding into the world of DEC (Not "Digital" in those early days) and their PDP11.

Over half an hour to load the assembler via the 10 cps tape reader of a teletype? Tell me about it!!

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Looks like BMW will soon be able to provide Lawmasters for them:

< <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jeanbaptiste/2018/09/14/bmw-unveils-the-first-driverless-motorcycle/> >

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| C:\>WIN                      |  | A better way to focus the sun                               |
| The computer obeys and wins. |  | licences available see                                      |
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Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 17:39:49 GMT

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Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 18:55:44 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Tue, 25 Dec 2018 12:39:49 -0500, Dan Espen <[dan1espen@gmail.com](mailto:dan1espen@gmail.com)>  
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And they tried to rectify that so now people drive short-bed four-door  
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Shocking.

Merry Christmas, all.

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More tool porn.

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Mike Spencer

Nova Scotia, Canada

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Quadibloc](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 22:19:40 GMT

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>> users.

> Depends on where you live and what you do.

Indeed. Basically, the United Kingdom got rid of its yeoman farmers quite some time ago, and so it's no wonder they have few ordinary people who would have a use for a pickup truck.

John Savard

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Subject: Re: Even more OT Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [mausg](#) on Tue, 25 Dec 2018 22:27:44 GMT

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On 2018-12-25, Mike Spencer <mds@bogos.nodomain.nowhere> wrote:

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I used a lathe once, later was going through scrap, I found an old pedal powered lathe, which someone had attached a motor to, bought it, and made small parts for years. Beautiful machine, after leaving that place, I bought a small chinese one, a heap of \*. All I afraid now is that my son will sell the old one off for scrap.

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Maus@ireland.com  
Will Rant For Food

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 06:24:45 GMT  
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On 25 Dec 2018 08:12:00 GMT, mausg@mail.com wrote:

> On 2018-12-25, Gene Wirchenko <genew@telus.net> wrote:

>> On 24 Dec 2018 21:23:25 GMT, mausg@mail.com wrote:

[snip]

>>> Artificial Insimination works well, if you want a baby, but don't like men.

>>> ((and, of course, if you are a woman, but you can always hire a poor Indian woman))

>>

>> Acronym overloading has issues. I meant artificial intelligence.

>

> I was merely taking the IPSS. Happy Day.

Bad, bad, bad!

Merry Day (for about 95 minutes more here).

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

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Posted by [mausg](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 08:24:23 GMT  
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and real rural people

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> Anything in a pickup truck here gets wet or stolen.

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Relatively cheap covers are available, Ifor Williams, Wales, make some.

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Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 08:27:44 GMT  
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On 25 Dec 2018 08:18:08 GMT, mausg@mail.com wrote:

[snip]

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I have read Mike's Website. That is exactly what it is.

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 08:34:36 GMT



On Mon, 24 Dec 2018 21:27:53 -0800 (PST), Quadibloc  
<jsavard@ecn.ab.ca> wrote:

> On Monday, December 24, 2018 at 7:21:01 PM UTC-7, Gene Wirchenko wrote:  
>> On Mon, 24 Dec 2018 10:39:35 +0000, Ahem A Rivet's Shot  
>> <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:  
>  
>>> Customer in the newsagent:  
>>>  
>>> 1970s: TWENTY MARLBORO ... <whisper>and a packet of condoms please</whisper>  
>>> 2000s: A PACKET OF CONDOMS PLEASE ... <whisper>and twenty marlboro<whisper>  
>  
>> Where I work, we can not sell individual cigarettes - only packs.  
>  
> Where I live, although selling individual cigarettes is against the law, packs  
> of cigarettes often came in two sizes - packs of 25, and packs of 20. The  
> smaller packs of 20 were intended to fit in a shirt pocket, and were made of a  
> flexible material, and the cigarettes were in three rows; the larger packs of 25  
> were made of rigid cardboard, and the cigarettes were in two rows.

I am told that packs of 25 can be sold here, too, but we do not  
sell them (why not, I know not).

Sincerely,

Gene Wirchenko

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Subject: Re: Even more OT Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Gene Wirchenko](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 08:37:46 GMT  
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On 25 Dec 2018 16:00:50 -0400, Mike Spencer  
<mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere> wrote:

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Better be more specific! Machine tool porn. (Of course, in a few years, that might not be specific enough.)

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Gene Wirchenko

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 14:44:04 GMT  
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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On 26 Dec 2018 08:24:23 GMT, [mausg@mail.com](mailto:mausg@mail.com) wrote:

> On 2018-12-25, Huge <[Huge@nowhere.much.invalid](mailto:Huge@nowhere.much.invalid)> wrote:  
>> On 2018-12-25, Quadibloc <[jsavard@ecn.ab.ca](mailto:jsavard@ecn.ab.ca)> wrote:  
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> and real rural people

??? 4x4 and pickup truck are unrelated. A Bugatti Veyron is 4x4. 4x4 is an extra cost option on every pickup truck of which I am aware.

Personally if I'm going to have big thirsty vehicle I'll pay the extra for the 4x4 because the big heavy vehicle is for when I need to haul something, for bad weather, and for play. For good weather and no load I have two smaller much less thirsty vehicles, one of which is a lot more fun.

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> Relatively cheap covers are available, Ifor Williams, Wales, make some.

Available from the factory for most US made pickup trucks.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 15:17:26 GMT

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Gene Wirchenko <genew@telus.net> wrote:

> On Mon, 24 Dec 2018 10:39:35 +0000, Ahem A Rivet's Shot

> <steveo@eircom.net> wrote:

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>> On 24 Dec 2018 04:46:32 -0400

>> Mike Spencer <mds@bogus.nodomain.nowhere> wrote:

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>>> Massachusetts, 1955, I was a kid with a part time job in a local  
>>> drugstore. Guy comes in, approaches the counter, looks all around,  
>>> mutters, "Three". Becomes agitated when I asked, "Three what?"  
>>> Demands to see the pharmacist.

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>> Customer in the newsagent:

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> Where I work, we can not sell individual cigarettes - only packs.

I think that's the law everywhere, however I believe convenience stores in poor areas sell individual cigarettes.

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Pete

Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [hancock4](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 21:19:49 GMT  
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On Sunday, December 23, 2018 at 5:34:22 AM UTC-5, Joe Makowiec wrote:  
> On 22 Dec 2018 in alt.folklore.computers, Peter Flass wrote:  
>  
>> Can't you feed cash into the ticket spitter?  
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> A year or so back, the Massachusetts Turnpike went to all EZPass or plate  
> reader. They took down the toll booths completely.

Yeah, and if you don't have an EZP, they mail you a bill with a hefty service charge.

Someone should do a study if tolls have risen faster than inflation. When I started my job the toll was 10c, now it is \$1. Inflation didn't go up ten times in that time, maybe about four times.

Also, originally, they encouraged motorists to get EZPASS. Now they have a service charge to have one.

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 21:22:24 GMT  
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Originally posted by: JimP

On 24 Dec 2018 10:32:59 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:

> On 2018-12-23, JimP <solosam90@gmail.com> wrote:  
>> On 20 Dec 2018 17:27:45 GMT, Huge <Huge@nowhere.much.invalid> wrote:  
>  
> [18 lines snipped]  
>  
>>> The vast majority of the price of a litre of petrol here is tax, several  
>>> of them flat rate, so they don't vary with the price of crude.  
>>  
>> Its very likely the majority of the \$1.89 is taxes to.  
>>  
>> I worked at a Boy Scout camp last century. The camp bought gas for the  
>> camp truck and the lawn mowers. Gas was over \$1.00 a gallon then.  
>>  
>> Kerosene was about half the typical cost.  
>>  
>> Some gas stations here show something like \$1.899. The second 9 is  
>> part of the tax structure. I don't know the exact percentage, but over

>> half the cost of a gallon is taxes.  
>  
> ~65% at the moment.  
>  
> "Fuel duty is currently levied at a flat rate of 57.95p per litre for  
> both petrol and diesel, while VAT at 20% is then charged on both the  
> product price and the duty."  
>  
> Yes, taxes on taxes.  
>  
> <https://www.racfoundation.org/data/taxation-as-percentage-of-pump-price-data-page>

I saw two stations selling gas for \$1.78 per gallon this morning.  
Others from \$1.79 to \$1.91 per gallon.

Somewhat surprising to see it that cheap over the current holidays.

Ooops. I forgot to the post what the camp paid. It was 25 cents for the  
gas and about 10 cents for the kerosene.

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Jim

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Subject: Re: Even more OT Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Mike Spencer](#) on Wed, 26 Dec 2018 22:48:56 GMT  
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Gene Wirchenko <[genew@telus.net](mailto:genew@telus.net)> writes:

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Oh, right. Mea culpa.

> (Of course, in a few years, that might not be specific enough.)

"All watched over by machines of loving....", eh?

Ummmmm, oh yeah, grace.

"All watched over by machines of loving grace."

(With a post-script apology to Richard Brautigan)

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Mike Spencer

Nova Scotia, Canada

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 27 Dec 2018 07:51:03 GMT

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Originally posted by: nobody

On Wed, 26 Dec 2018 13:19:49 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:

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thingy to pay with. Sounds like government alright.

I suppose the option of taking roads without thingy-readers has been  
made as unbearable as possible?

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?

Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 27 Dec 2018 11:02:03 GMT

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Thu, 27 Dec 2018 07:51:03 GMT, nobody@example.org (Scott) wrote:

> On Wed, 26 Dec 2018 13:19:49 -0800 (PST), hancock4@bbs.cpcn.com wrote:  
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Posted by [Peter Flass](#) on Thu, 27 Dec 2018 12:58:08 GMT  
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Pete

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Posted by [Ahem A Rivet's Shot](#) on Thu, 27 Dec 2018 15:12:03 GMT  
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Peter Flass <peter\_flass@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Payment fees strongly discourage small credit card transactions.

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Steve O'Hara-Smith | Directable Mirror Arrays  
C:\>WIN | A better way to focus the sun  
The computer obeys and wins. | licences available see  
You lose and Bill collects. | <http://www.sohara.org/>

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Andy Burns](#) on Thu, 27 Dec 2018 17:04:02 GMT  
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Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer wrote:

> When I started real work (as opposed to vacation jobs or internships) in  
> 1972 it was in the computer department of Imperial Tobacco in Bristol,  
> UK, and we each got a weekly allowance of 40 ciggies

<doubletake>  
Was it Huge or Gareth that said that?  
</doubletake>

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Dan Espen](#) on Thu, 27 Dec 2018 17:22:25 GMT  
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It's \$25. Averages out to \$12.50.

Not even significant to my way of thinking.

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Dan Espen

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Subject: Re: Is LINUX the inheritor of the Earth?  
Posted by [Anonymous](#) on Thu, 27 Dec 2018 18:15:30 GMT  
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Originally posted by: Gareth's was W7 now W10 Downstairs Computer

On 27/12/2018 17:17, Huge wrote:  
> On 2018-12-27, Andy Burns <usenet@andyburns.uk> wrote:  
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>  
> Must have been Gareth, since it's wrong;

Unnecessary but habitual rudeness from you, Hugh.

Shame on you.

Nothing wrong in what I said for I did not say that I'd  
had holiday work at the tobacco company.

I'd had holiday work at Hales' Cakes in Clevedon and  
at Portishead Power Station.

> the holders of vacation jobs  
> also got the free ciggies. I know I did. Can't remember what I did with  
> them, since I've never smoked, gave them away I guess.

Insofar as gratuitous rudeness is your manner; grow up, Sonny.

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Originally posted by: J. Clarke

On Thu, 27 Dec 2018 16:25:00 -0500, Andreas Kohlbach  
<ank@spamfence.net> wrote:

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> toll fees would be. Of course, if it's important to arrive earlier.

The tolls are \$8.80 and the distance is increased by 23 miles which  
for me is about a half a gallon, so no the gas does not cost more than  
the tolls.

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