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Posted by Anonymous on Wed, 09 Sep 2020 13:54:45 GMT
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Originally posted by: gareth evans

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Posted by Anonymous on Wed, 09 Sep 2020 14:45:13 GMT
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Originally posted by: Thomas Koenig

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Subject: Re: Food for thought?
Posted by Charlie Gibbs on Wed, 09 Sep 2020 17:20:50 GMT
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On 2020-09-09, Thomas Koenig <tkoenig@netcologne.de> wrote:

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More likely, marketroids will convince them to put up with
ever-decreasing capability, since only that which lets the
companies control them will have priority. But the screens
will get prettier and prettier, so everything will be OK.

"The chocolate ration will be increased from seven grams to five."

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/~\ Charlie Gibbs | Microsoft is a dictatorship.
\ / <cgibbs@kltpzyxm.invalid> | Apple is a cult.
 X   I'm really at ac.dekanfrus | Linux is anarchy.
/ \ if you read it the right way. | Pick your poison.

Subject: Re: Food for thought?
Posted by Anonymous on Wed, 09 Sep 2020 21:21:22 GMT
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Originally posted by: Bob Eager

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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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Posted by Anonymous on Wed, 09 Sep 2020 21:38:21 GMT
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Whatever, but has spent some time recently restoring a couple
of Sparcstation 2 machines in the collection. Put in a 36Gb
2.5" scsi drive, modified bracket, put s socket on the idprom
and fitted a bigger battery, cleaned & relubed the fans, same
with the psu and Solaris 2.6, installed everything. Terminal
into the serial port, but does support graphcal install as
well.

The reason for this story ?. With just 20Mb (Yes megabytes)
of ram, is quite happy running cde or Sunos and draws just
35 watts from the line. Of course a bit slow, but a nearly
30 year old machine and could still do some serious work on
it.

Just how far have we come in 30 years ?, sometimes wonder...

Chris