

Vista Woes

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Here I am again for my monthly update!

I really need to find more time to blog. Once a month is pitiful. So, what's my problem with Vista? Typical Linux incompatibility that's what.

Gnome has a pretty good disc burning tool built in. If you pop a blank disc into the drive it notices and provides a virtual directory you can drag and drop files into. Once you're happy with the layout you can burn the virtual folder onto the disc. Simple.

Vista has a similar option, pop a disc in and it'll pop up a window providing various tasks, one of which is burn files. It all goes down hill from here. Choosing to burn files formats the disc. Assuming you had the wrong disc in the drive, or that you decide not to burn anything, tough luck, it has already formatted the disc.

But we do want to burn files, so we drag and drop them into the virtual folder. Unlike Gnome however, Vista thinks it is better to write the files as you drag them in, not on command. Selected the wrong files? Tough luck, they're burning already.

But we have selected the right files. We're all set. The disc is burning. Great, now let us take it home and insert it onto our Linux machine. Aaah, Linux you say? Sorry, we don't support Linux, you can't use this disc in it. But what about those industry standard specifications for writing discs so they work in a multitude of devices? Well, that's okay as long as it's a device running Microsoft, or so Microsoft would rather you believe.

So, Gnome 4 - Vista 0.

What makes me sad is Microsoft deliberately make it difficult, if not impossible to adopt Linux. Sheer monopoly and back-handed measures like these make sure of that. Microsoft, meh.