LINUX: Over 34% more geeky than any other operating system.

JD Power & Associates Geek Rating

GeekMark 1.2b

2.37	5.81	25.73	42.11	51.76	58.21	89.21
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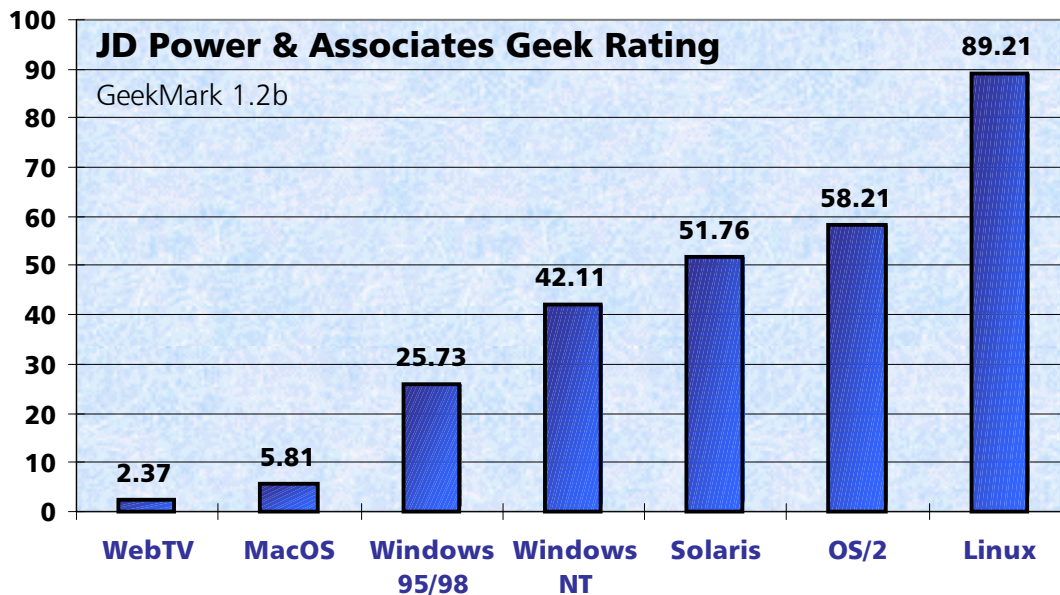
You're a computer geek. You like to play with stuff. You know that the fun of working with computers isn't what you can do with them – it's making them work in the first place.

The problem is, computers have become too darned easy to use. Plug-and-play, shrink wrapped software, easy Internet connections – all of these conspire to take all the joy out of setting up a new system. Some manufacturers even advertise an "Out of the box and onto the Internet in ten minutes" experience!

Doesn't that make you cringe? What are you going to talk about at work? "Yeah, I installed this new SCSI adapter in my system last night and Windows 95 just recognized it and it worked the first time."

What self-respecting geek would enjoy an experience like that? When something works as advertised, aren't you disappointed that it wasn't more challenging?

Linux brings the fun back into working on your computer. You will spend days just configuring it to recognize your hardware.

Once you get Linux to boot, you can struggle with a multitude of arcane non-quite-UNIX-like commands, such as *grep*, *tar*, and *cat*. Need a real challenge? Spend a few hours editing configuration files using the *vi* editor.

Linux comes in a variety of flavors, so once you think that you've mastered one version, you can start on the next! Still bored? There are all kinds of graphical user interfaces you can pick, none of which use the same window manipulation symbols!

You can mix and match software components, so your Linux is unlike anyone elses. This makes for great technical dialogues on the Internet. What a great way to meet people with similar interests!

Best of all, you can't buy Linux productivity applications at your local computer software retailer. Instead, you can download files from the Internet and run bizarre installation procedures. All the while, you can feel yourself getting smarter.

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You will spend countless hours figuring out how to do the simplest things. What could be more fun?