

Death of the command line

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It's hard for me to imagine using an OS without a strong command line. Even Microsoft has recognized the for that with their Monad Shell (though they are at least temporarily removing that from Vista). Linux of course has its Bash shell, Mac OS X has Terminal (which now defaults to Bash) - everybody knows you need a shell.

But who really uses it? Well, I do, and maybe you do, but most Windows users certainly don't, and most Mac users are equally command line phobic. Linux users may be a bit more apt to drop into typing-land, but even there its being pushed into insignificance.

We old command line hands know all the arguments for the importance of the command line. We can build tools on demand with pipes. Therefore we can do exactly what we want quickly and efficiently. GUI tools often have less features and can't be piped to other GUI tools.

Yeah, but.. They could: Nothing stops a GUI tool from implementing all the features of its command line equivalent.

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