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It is difficult as we are living within the law of scarcity of resources to believe on "Free Products". There are no such free products at all. Even our shell and helmet the air is suffering from poor utilization. In Newton law, Physics (transform of power) and also in Business (as I have learned) there is nothing called "free" neither called "open". It might be an illusion and the old dream of human to turn every thing to Gold, or the dream of Youth-Spring.

What about development, researches, standardization, support, problem solving, etc! The claimed answer is that all of these activities are sharable, global; no body owns any thing. Good, It has to prove. In business we usually run after both affordable (feasible) solutions and reliable/dependable solutions. We do not plan on a base of unknown. But we do plan under certain level of uncertainty. That is why I still look at Linux as a question mark. Until it proves not. Yes, it needs major investments from major companies, both users of technology and technology providers and enablers.

Yes, also Microsoft was weak in quality management. In its short and may be long term products development strategies. In developing and maintaining S/W,

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applications and their integration. MS has created wobbly shaky market and the feel of user-instability. But MS have done great job and something like dreams in enabling technology to the street man and kids in no time and in affordable price.

No body can forget the lovely interface of the Windows. I have started using the PC since the early versions of it: Z80, Apple, and commodore. I grew up with it. That is why I found myself loyal to Microsoft although since about ten years or more, I could not see any major change in the direction and the tools. We need a jump, will that jump be Linux, who knows? May be yes. May be no. But most probably NO.

In the mean time, all other MS competitors especially IBM are running after any thing just to defeat MS. This is a poor strategy in Business. It will lead them to more heterogeneous hush products and poor functions and no real services to their customers.

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