Keeping Computers Alive

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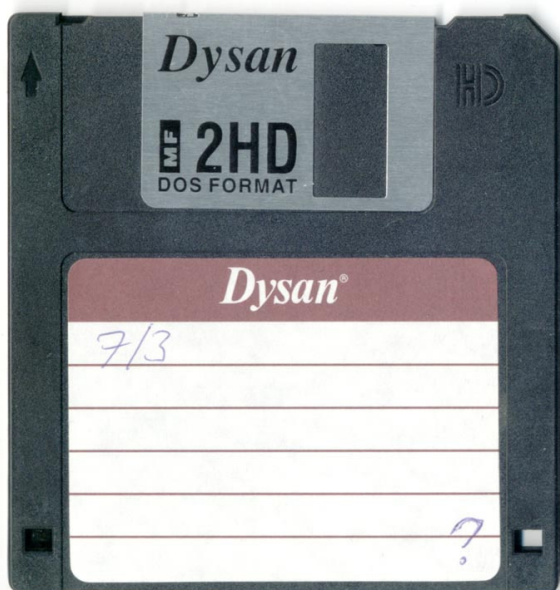
I am starting to see that old software is often worth its weight in gold. Not quite sure how much data weighs but worth a lot anyway.
Software companies around the world know this and have known it for a long time.
I can imagine some software co. board meeting 10-15 years ago... "you mean people can just copy this program and run on any computer for ever?? WE'LL ALL BE LIVING ON THE STREETS!!"

Of course in the early days the business model of writing a program then copy it to a cd and asking for a few quid. Was almost a way of printing money.
Sure there would have been a lot of rubbish and they will all *look* rubbish but some will be very powerful indeed.

Take for example a simple inventory program that would quite easily run from a floppy disk, (with room to spare!). Is unobtainable today without parting with a significant upfront cost and tie you in to annual payments for, "Critical Updates".
The once simple program has now become bulky and slow. 1. For appearance reasons but mainly for the prevention of anyone cracking it, (copying and redistributing).

I don't have an old inventory program, that's how I know you cant get one, (willing to pay anyone a tenner for a good one). I do though have a few gold nuggets. Norton Ghost is one and is essential for me as it can image a hard drive, meaning I can save an image when I've set up a new computer. It ensures that I can revert the computer to that state, giving me peace of mind that I wouldn't have to redo all the work should something go wrong. Is there anything else like Norton Ghost available today? No, nothing with the ability to re-image if windows wont load. Not even later versions of Ghost can do this!

So any old cd's or floppies laying around? Might be worth a check to see what they are. Then keep it between friends. Who knows, might be secret software police out there, ready to destroy them!?

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For a long time now I haven't been able to compete with the price of the cheapest PC in the shop. However the cheapest PC in the shop is rarely bought. Sales advice will be to look at 'the next one up.' Then they'll be a few addons at rip off prices, usb cable £15! Not to mention the software.
So I believe I can say with confidence, not only will my build be better quality all round. It will be cheaper too. And once you add in the cost of getting me round to sort the one from the shop, it's a no brainer.
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