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Subject: Re: Ransom Ware

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I'll likewise cast my vote for Ubuntu; very well thought, stable, fast, and a nice change from Windows. I set up the 'puter I'm using right now as a dual-boot machine with XP and Ubuntu. However, there's the problem Bruce mentioned, of program and driver compatibility. But, that's changing for the better every day.

While on the topic of Linux, most ASUS motherboards these days come with "Express Gate," which is a built-in miniature Linux operating system with an OS X-like GUI. It's up and running in just a couple of seconds after the BIOS splash screen, and you can surf the web, check e-mail, view photos and files on your Windows file system, etc. You can be on the Web in literally 10 seconds after hitting the power button!

To use it, just click your mouse when it comes up. Or, do nothing and in a few seconds (the timer is BIOS-adjustable) it'll shut off and the Windows bootloader will start. I've built many computers with it, and some love it while others want me to turn it off for them. Personally, I think it's pretty cool. As one who doesn't leave their computer on all the time, it's VERY nice for when you wanna look something up really quick, or show a visitor some pics. No more waiting to boot into Windows just to do a small task.

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