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Back in 2007, I posted this:

Annual Kaspersky Labs Fearmongering!

<http://www.tuxmachines.org/node/15082> [1]

Its been a while, and I thought Kaspersky Labs were going to miss this year...But I was wrong!

Mac, Linux, BSD open for attack: Kaspersky

<http://www.computerworld.com.au/index.php/id;264209080;fp;16;fpid;0> [2]

Yeap, the [boogieman](#) [3], Eugene Kaspersky is BACK! In this year's adventure, no OS is safe!

For convenience, check out the following...

In 2006.

The case of the non-viral virus

<http://www.linux.com/feature/53534> [4]

(Guess who was blowing their horn about it? Yeap! => Kaspersky Labs)

Torvalds creates patch for cross-platform virus

<http://www.linux.com/articles/53727> [5]

(Just to mock Kaspersky Labs.)

OpenOffice.org virus debunked by experts

<http://www.linux.com/feature/54824> [6]

(Oh gee, I wonder who discovered it? => Kaspersky Labs)

In 2007.

iPod virus scare stories are here

<http://www.theinquirer.net/en/inquirer/news/2007/04/06/ipod-virus-scare-stories-are-here> [7]

(Install Linux on an iPod...Kaspersky Labs and ANOTHER "proof of concept" malware!)

All this raises the key question...

Can the malware industry be trusted?

<http://www.linux.com/feature/54886> [8]

Obviously not. The fact is, the anti-malware industry is driven by user ignorance of technology. To make money, their

key motivator is fear. => The general gist is: *"If you don't buy our protection, you won't be safe!"*

What they tend not to realise is this: Due to the higher learning curve in Linux, people aren't as gullible to this nonsense. Its because we have gained knowledge from that technology. We know how to use it.

Knowledge kills fear. If the world knew how to properly use their computers, companies like Kaspersky Labs would be out of business.

Keep FUD'ding Kaspersky! I expect to see you next year! 🇺🇸

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