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There is a fine line to be drawn between usability and security. I personally feel that Linux (or rather, the popular distributions) may err on the side of allowing too many applications and services to exist and/or default to on. From my experience, it is difficult to fully audit contributed code (the BIND v8.2 & v8.2.1 NXT bug that has caused such difficulties was a result of a bug in code donated to us, ironically enough, from a large firm

No comment comes to mind.

The complexity of the recent IETF standards results in a lot of complexity in the code which increases the potential for bugs (security related or otherwise). Standards bloat, in combination with feeping creaturism demanded of us by our funders or users, results in software bloat which is probably our most

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