

I. Philosophy

A. Working in a completely Windows environment... without using Windows

B. Why Apple?

1. Slider - Choosing what works best for me
2. I don't like Windows

C. I'm a Linux and FOSS nerd

1. I run a personal Linux server with multiple tools and software (this comes up later)
2. But Macs are easier to work with when it comes to interoperability

a) I'm at the age where I don't want to futz with my system all that much, I just want things to work

(1) Which is literally a core philosophy at Apple - "It just works"

b) VPNs especially

3. Macs are like "Linux Lite" - if you know anything about Linux, you can work with macOS

a) It's based on FreeBSD after all so, ya know, UNIX

b) macOS stays out of my way

(1) Unlike Windows which keeps trying to sell things to me

D. Ecosystem

1. Basically my iMac is also my MacBook Pro because of syncing and iCloud
2. If it doesn't sync, then it probably stinks
3. And I can do 95% of my job using an iPad

E. Quality

1. Plastic laptops aren't great
2. Apple hardware is superior if for no other reason than it's made of metal
3. Longevity - My Macs typically last me a decade
 - a) Buy the best you can, use it for ten years

II. Getting Things Done - Windows as a Service

A. Screen Sharing (VNC)

1. TightVNC Server on Windows
2. VNC is built into macOS

B. VirtualBox

III. Getting Things Done - The Necessities

A. Microsoft Remote Desktop

- B. Outlook
- C. iTerm
- D. Tot
- E. CleanShot X

IV. Getting Things Done - The Everywhere Software

- A. My Linux Server Tool Stack
 - 1. VaultWarden
 - 2. Nextcloud
 - 3. GitLab
- B. Firefox
 - 1. My favourite operating system
- C. Azure Data Studio & Visual Studio Code
- D. Discord, Slack, and Zoom
- E. Notion
 - 1. My second brain
- F. TickTick