

The writing on the Wall

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JamesD1957: Apparently, people do not seem to see the writing on the wall. The reason that both Apple & Microsoft have developed the iCloud (in respective versions) is because web-based computing is their vision of the future - for a reason . . .

Motivated by profits, the ultimate goal is centralized control. The computer industry is haemorrhaging losses due to counterfeiting/piracy of software - especially in the overseas markets.

You can purchase a useable copy of the latest OS from flea markets for less than \$15 USD in most developing nations while the same costs \$400-\$600 USD here. They are trying to remove the ability to counterfeit or pirate software for profit. SO, web-based computing will eventually do away with personal computing - do you remember how the old "mainframe" computers worked? A central computer held all the info & programs while individual terminals had no computing power - terminals were simply keyboards & screens that were hard-wired to the central computer. Terminals had to access the mainframe in order to operate.

Welcome to the future of web-based computing. No more individual OS's., no more hard drives, no more discs. You will have a computer at home that has only one function - access the internet. Once you link into the "Cloud", only then can you operate or access anything. No more MS Office discs being purchased & passed around among a group of friends. You will have to access MS Office Live site to use any MS Office product. You will no longer have a tangible product to purchase & own - you will have to purchase an on-going subscription & pay monthly fees to the IT giants in order to continue using computers in the future.

If you fail to pay, you cannot access any information because even if you find a way to save digital information from your terminal, you cannot "run" any info without the software. Scary, huh?

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