

## Blog Export: Rasmus' Toys Page, <http://toys.lerdorf.com/>

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### -1 T42p toy

A negative toy posting...

My nice new T42p was stolen by some loser at a PHP conference in Paris. It is amazingly inconvenient to lose a laptop like this. It was from inside the conference hall and there was virtually no non-geek traffic there. If a fellow geek actually stole my laptop from a PHP conference then there is something seriously wrong with the world. You can steal my car, my money, my shoes, I don't really care, but don't steal my damn laptop!

Now to determine what to replace it with. It took a while to get it configured nicely and I really don't have the time nor the energy to do that again. Perhaps a G4 Powerbook so I don't have to fiddle as much. Will be hard to give up that nice 1600x1200 Flexview display though.

Posted by Rasmus in WIFI Toys at 23:54

Well I was there when it happened back in Paris and I can't say how much I am angry, disappointed and everything.

Anonymous on Nov 22 2004, 02:49

just an idea - it might help to get a message about this placed on <http://www.php.net>, so that more people are aware of it (esp. if you get offered a T42 with Debian "second-hand" )

Anonymous on Nov 22 2004, 09:09

Sorry to hear about the 42p, that's really sad :(

Go powerbook! :)

At least then you can say "I owned one, and it sucked as much as I told you yours does." :)

Seriously, a Powerbook isn't a bad option. I don't find myself doing much "hacking" on my schlappy (lack of tools like valgrind is prohibitive, even if the mac does offer some equivalent garbage), but I don't really want to do that much work outside of the office anyway... I just want to check my email, read some news sites, purchase stuff and play music. The Mac is bar-none for all those things.

With that said, I did go a 8 month stretch doing all my coding (more than fulltime) on a Mac schlaptop... It wasn't "awesome," and I sorely missed stuff like valgrind (ssh + linux would've been the solution there, but still.) The terminals aren't nearly as good: hint, iTerm blows, and not in a good way... I use xTerm for all my terminal needs these days, which is adequate. But what is nice, is unlike windows, I can do my work on it when I need to.

Anonymous on Nov 22 2004, 09:34

hmm... i cant help wondering if we should put out an all points bulletin in the blogosphere about Rasmus's laptop. Get it on Slashdot, on CNET, on ZDNet on the Register, on the Inquirer, on PHP.net, on thousands of hacker blogs - kind of a mass "find Rasmus's laptop" meme that could spread wildly through the blogosphere. We've got two important pieces of info - its T42, and it runs Debian. Surely it's not that hard to organise something like - hell, get the Firefox folks to stick a advert up about it. I dunno, i really feel for Rasmus - it wasnt just the laptop, it's the coding he did that he had not committed to the PHP cvs - now that's blood, sweat and tears just wasted, and thats a horrible feeling to have. Rasmus - have you got any CCTV coverage about it? Have you got a serial number? Is there anything we can do to help out here?

C'mon folks - we've managed to make PHP the most popular language in the world, and made Linux the most popular development platform in the world - surely we could network together to find Rasmus's laptop. Just a thought...

Anonymous on Nov 22 2004, 16:04

Look into compaq x1000 or hp n7000 series. 1920x1200 wuxga is available. Comes out very cheap too.

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Anonymous on Nov 22 2004, 23:27

spanish blogs had been talking about it, at least you know how much people care about you, because everybody feels like offended

Anonymous on Dec 7 2004, 01:18

What a shame ... It s too bad ...

Anonymous on Dec 8 2004, 04:45

That's gotta suck. All of my friend's PCs have been stolen too.. That sucks even more.

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Anonymous on May 28 2005, 17:59

Whoa, that sucks! I recall you using a thinkpad, and that's why I was surprised to see you today (at FOSSSL in Sri Lanka), using a powerbook.

Seriously, if a geek took it, his root should be compromised, resulting in total data loss. :) I believe that what goes round, comes around..

Also, thanks for the excellent talk today. I certainly learnt a lot about php5, and what to expect in the coming versions.

Anonymous on Sep 7 2005, 06:51