

MGT 415H5 S Electronic Commerce

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Week#2 – Architecture Linux & Open Source



Agenda

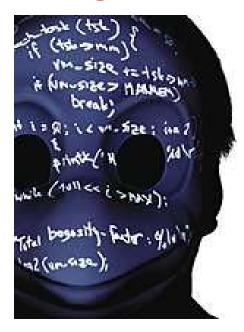
- Brief History
- Issues
- New Business Model(s)



Linux – A Brief History



Origin

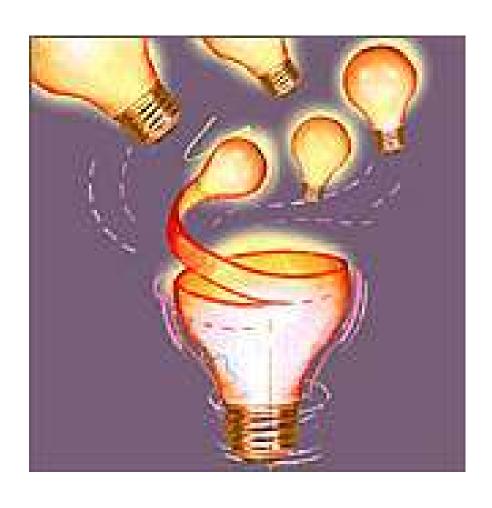




- Who
 - Linus Torvalds
- When
 - began work on Linux in 1991
- Where
 - Norway
- Why
 - "He is a great leader, which he may not even realize."



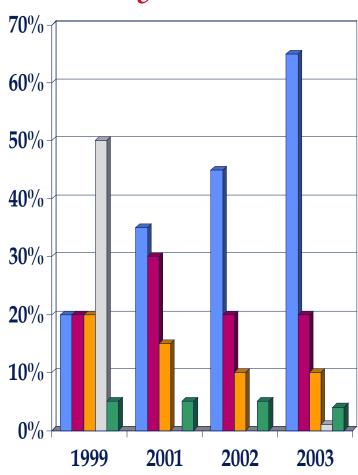
It's Free



- Server OS
 - Windows:
 - ◆ 10-users: \$981
 - Red-Hat Linux
 - unlimited: \$0
 - \$50 for a CD-ROM
- e-Mail server OS
 - Exchange: \$523
 - Sendmail: \$0



Today





- Most Internet servers
 - Apache Processors
 - Linux OS
- e-Commerce
 - Means Linux



Corporate Support



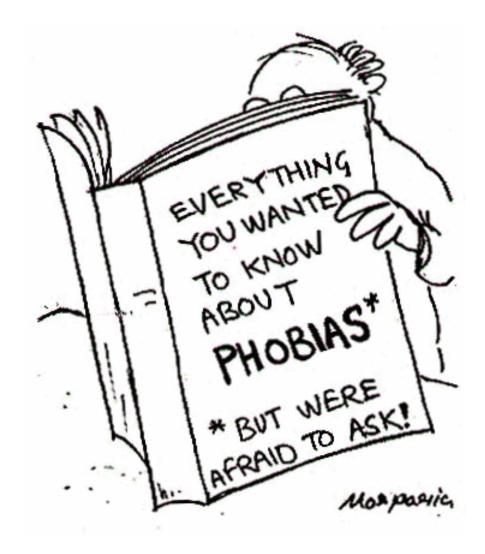
◆ HP

- Funding research
- Autonomic systems

IBM

- Funding research
- Autonomic systems
- "We see Linux moving into the mainstream in terms of customer acceptance"

Issues





Who Pays for the Work?



Vendor OS

- Charges customers
 - Software
 - Support
- Pays
 - R&D
 - Developers
 - Marketing
 - Conventions

Open Source

- How do you make money?
 - Who pays developers?
 - Who installs?
 - Who supports?
 - Who promotes?



Versions









fedora.png



- Short list.....
 - Addressing business area
- Controlled by....
- Which one to choose?







mandrake.png



slackware

slackware.png



suse.png



yellowdog.png



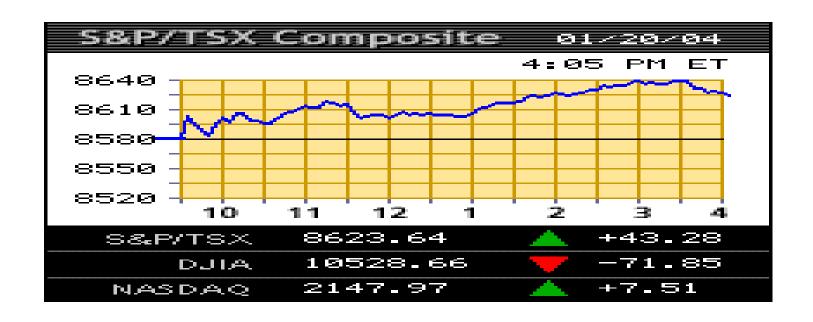
Any other issues?



- Eg
 - Lack of confidence by business/IT mgmt???
 - SCO lawsuit



New Business Model



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Model.....



- Just the one?
- Or multiples?



Managing the Risk - Vendor



- Plus
 - Ready access to developers
- Minus
 - No lock on the source



Managing the Risk - Business



- Migration
- Skills



Canadian Companies Today



- Canadian National Railway
- Marks WorkWarehouse
- ◆ IDC Canada
 - "Linux has a long way to go, but it's growth has been dramatic"



Other Companies Today

- Amazon.com
- Oracle
- Google
 - doubling the size of its server farm--to 8,000 systems--in the past 10 months





Governments Today



- Europe
- 14,000 in Munich
- Canada
- 30,000 LindowsOS

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- "millions"
- Brazil
- uncountable number



Future

- Asianux
 - Chinese, Japanese software houses announce Linux venture to challenge Microsoft





Linux Community Working On



- Ease of Install
- Ease of Use
- Features
 - Security
 - Desktop





Thank You – Any Questions?



- Don't BASH me!
- I do not wear a red hat
- Few Perls of wisdom
- No yaccing yet