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Suitability for use

Paul Murphy discuss in his blog the ranking of the different operating environments: OS ranking - confusion to the nth. There are some remarkable quotes.

The problem is simply this: evaluate any Windows OS against Linux, BSD (including MacOS X), or Solaris on any combination of cost, functionality, and reliability and you end up predicting a zero Microsoft market share. and So what's the bottom line? There are two of them: first any ranking of multiple OSES is going to have significant subjective components, and secondly that I think it's fair to say that SUSE 7.1 was at the top of its class but that Solaris 10 holds that position today.

Posted by Joerg Moellenkamp in English at 13:03

I wonder what makes him consider SuSE (7.1) as the "Linux" part of this comparison? There's more than SuSE out there, and technology in the Linux world also has moved on ever since... I don't see arguments to build that "SuSE-7.1-was-on-top-of-its-class" comment on, in his text.

The other thing: I don't think talking about "subjective components" really gets to the point - we're simply talking about different requirements (both functional and non-functional) here. If people want to have a stable, reliable OS, their choice probably will be different to the one they have to make given they want to have a stable, reliable OS to run MS Exchange (or, talking desktop, any other possibly proprietary and non-Java enterprise application).

Anonymous on Apr 3 2007, 13:52

You have to read the relating discussion in Murphys blog for understanding the Suse 7.1 comparison.

Anonymous on Apr 3 2007, 14:08