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Opensolaris for mainframes

eWeek reports in OpenSolaris Soon to Run on IBM Mainframes about the effort to port Opensolaris to mainframes: David Boyes, president and chief technology officer of Sine Nomine Associates, an Ashburn, Va.-based consultancy that handled most of the integration and migration duties, told eWEEK at the Gartner Data Center Conference 2007 here that the new IBM-tuned version of OpenSolaris will be ready soon. He declined to be more specific. Albeit a technological achievement, i think it will have the same future like Linux on Mainframe. It's there, it's used for some tasks, but it won't put new customers to the mainframe. It's simply cheaper and simpler to use a x86 or SPARC system and support by ISV is even more difficult. The USP of Mainframe Linux was the virtualisation, but this is hardly unique anymore.

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