

Adult OLPC OS: Red Hat Global Desktop or Ubuntu Mobile?

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Thinking about One Laptop Per Child commercial sales, specifically who would buy a "\$100 laptop" when the XO retail price is more like \$325 and the Sugar UI is designed for children, I wonder what adult operating system OLPC might bundle with the XO.

First, there is Red Hat's Global Desktop:

The software borrows from the One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) project, with about 95 per cent of the code overlapping. The OLPC uses an adapted version of Red Hat's Fedora Linux.

The Global Desktop won't share the OLPC's 'Sugar' user interface, but will come bundled with applications such as Firefox and OpenOffice.

With that code overlap, Global Desktop seems to be the natural choice for a commercial "\$100 laptop" - it would take the least work to modify it for Christmas XO sales.

But that might annoy the commercial hardware vendors that have already lined up to ship Intel-powered Global Desktop computer systems.

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