

Japanese state aims to boost state use of Linux software

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The government here aims to switch some of its computers to the free Linux operating system and reduce its dependence on Microsoft Corp's Windows, officials indicated.

The government is drawing up guidelines for its ministries recommending open-source software such as Linux as an 'important option' in procurement, said an official at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

'This is not intended to exclude a particular software nor to recommend a particular one but it reflects the recent development of open-source software as reliable systems,' the official said.

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