

# Is Phoenix about to Enter GPL Violation HyperSpace?

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If ultraportables were last year's big surprise success for GNU/Linux, one of the potentially exciting technologies for this year is the instant-on pre-operating system that loads in seconds when you power up a desktop or portable. DeviceVM's Splashtop is probably the best known example. These are highly relevant to the free software world, since such instant-on systems are usually based on GNU/Linux, and once people start trying them out, they may simply stay there using the free software apps available, rather than wait minutes for the full glory of Windows Vista to chunder into its vitiated life.

Indeed, the Linux Foundation's Jim Zemlin was quite bullish on the subject (well, you'd expect him to be, wouldn't you?)

The last point is the interesting one. Does Phoenix hope to get away without respecting the GNU GPL? Or is it just a little slow to code the free links into its Web site? As Cisco is currently discovering, you really don't want to mess with the FSF

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