

Red Hat Sees Strong Demand For Cloud Computing

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As many as 50 of its customers have begun building private compute clouds using Red Hat Linux, says Red Hat CEO Jim Whitehurst. A few are investigating "semi-private clouds," in which they plan to share IT resources with trusted partners.

Speaking at the recent Federal IT on a Budget Forum in Washington, Whitehurst said Red Hat sees a "a ton of demand" for private, semi-private, and public clouds. As an operating system and middleware provider, Red Hat doesn't have a bias toward private or public clouds; both are business opportunities for Red Hat.

Whitehurst anticipates the market splitting up roughly along the following lines: small and medium-sized companies subscribing to public clouds and large companies building their own.

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