

# Linux market share grows vs. Windows and Mac OS X shrinkage

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We're told Linux is the only OS with a growing market share: Windows and Mac OS X actually shrank. The Net Applications report also shows Windows 7 already dwarfing all versions of Mac OS combined. In IT Blogwatch, bloggers review the data.

Emil Protalinski has been studying studies:

In December 2009, Linux was the only operating system to show positive percentage growth in market share. ... Windows market share dropped 0.31 percentage points ... Mac OS dipped 0.01 percentage points ... and Linux edged forward 0.02 percentage points. ... Strong sales from Windows 7 and Snow Leopard were not enough to stop both Windows overall and Mac OS overall from dropping.

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Even if Windows is slowly losing share, Windows 7 is doing phenomenally well. ... [It] gained 1.71 percentage points ... meaning it has passed all versions of Mac OS. ... Windows Vista and Windows 7 together have just over a third of Windows XP's market share, while Mac OS 10.5 and 10.6 together have more than five times the market share of Mac OS 10.4.

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