

Google? Linux? Goobuntu? Boulderdash!

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It wasn't long ago that we were all excited about the possibility that Google was going to get into the office suite software business. Then, the theory was that Sun and Google would get together and make OpenOffice.org the king of the world. Instead, we got "Google Toolbar as an option in its consumer downloads of the Java Runtime Environment."

"Gag me with a spoon," as Moon Unit Zappa used to say. This was not real news.

Then, there were the stories about a Google operating system. That turned out to be Google Pack. This was Google's most uninspiring software offer to date. If, of course, you don't count the stillborn Google Accelerator, which was, in a word, awful.

Now, we have a story from the Register in which freelance journalist Ben King proclaims, "Google is preparing its own distribution of Linux for the desktop."

According to the report, it will be a "Ubuntu desktop Linux distribution, based on Debian and the Gnome desktop, it is known internally as 'Goobuntu.'" King goes on to state, "Google has confirmed it is working on a desktop linux project."

I wish I could buy this report, but I can't.

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