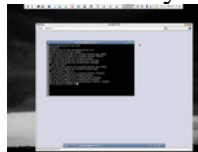


Will Google's OS Topple the Ubuntu Empire?

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In a previous article about Google Chromebooks, I talked about how these machines will compete with other non-Windows (that is, Linux) netbook options.

But one area I did not touch on was the tablet computer market. In this market, Apple dominates. Others are left scrambling to gain a piece of whatever scraps happen to be left.

Unlike the desktop space, where Linux competes primarily with Windows, any Linux distribution in the tablet market faces existing options that already have iOS and Android heavily embedded.

iOS and Android leave little room for competing alternatives. And with Linux distributions like Ubuntu, I see little chance that they're going to be able to do battle with the existing tablet OS selections -- they're so late to the game as it is.

Don't take my word for it, go ahead and look at your favorite search engine's news feature. From there, you'll discover that Ubuntu is rarely mentioned at all within the tablet space. Where it is mentioned, the response is far from positive.

In this article, I will look at what Ubuntu will need to do to make a quick recovery. Plus how the distro can become more attractive to app developers. It's possible that Ubuntu could even offer some things not found on existing tablets.

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