

Google searches toward open source?

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Word about Goobuntu, Google's supposed version of Linux based on Ubuntu, surfaced in February when a Web site claimed the search company is testing its operating system (OS) on Dell computers. This followed a recent announcement that Dell and Google are working together to test existing Google software.

AdvertisementHowever, Google spokesperson Sonya Boralv rebuffed any suggestion that the company is planning to offer its own version of Ubuntu Linux, which Google is currently using internally.

Boralv told ZDNet Asia: "We are testing the distribution of various technologies with Dell. These include Google Desktop Search, Google Toolbar and a Google-powered Dell start page."

A Dell Asia spokesperson confirmed the Google software tests, but denied a Wall Street Journal report which claimed the deal with Google was worth US\$1 billion. The report, citing unnamed sources, also said that as many as 100 million new Dell PCs will be preloaded with Google software.

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