

To win desktop, Canonical changes the rules

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Today's announcement of the beta release for Ubuntu 12.04 LTS is sure to dominate the Linux news headlines, but the coming of Precise Pangolin means more than a snazzy new desktop.

Okay, not really, I was just trying to be dramatic. It's really a snazzy new desktop.

But that's the whole point--one that many detractors of Canonical, Ubuntu, and Unity seem to consistently miss in their quest to smack Mark Shuttleworth and crew around.

For years--indeed, for over a decade--I have heard calls from Linux advocates and fans for a viable and useable desktop platform that even Grandma can use. And yet, here we are in 2012 and the one vendor that is trying to give Linux fans--and the rest of the user community--exactly what they want gets smacked around for it.

[I find it rather strange.](#) [2]

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