

Proprietary Software for Ubuntu--What Will It Mean?

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With new proprietary applications finding their way onto the Ubuntu desktop, one has to wonder what the long-term effects might be. Before we dive into this too deeply, however, there are some points we should consider.

First of all, proprietary software isn't new to the Linux desktop. Applications such as Opera, Lotus Notes and VueScan are just a few of the older proprietary titles available for the Linux desktop. Unlike software titles like Steam or Skype, however, these were titles that never really garnered much attention.

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While there are some limited exceptions, most proprietary software titles coming to Ubuntu are centered around recreating experiences we might have from other operating systems. Skype is one of my favorite examples, as it's now more than ever the de facto video conferencing application for all three major computing platforms.

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