

# Driving forces behind Linux and open source growth

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It wasn't just five years ago, the percentage of Linux being used in business was around 1%. When you made claims of growth, not one person in IT would listen. But as everyone knows, the landscape of IT changes faster than most. One minute you're staring down the barrel of extinction and the next you're being hoisted atop the shoulders of business claiming you a hero.

I wouldn't exactly say that Linux and open source has been lifted on top of every shoulder ? but the last five years have certainly seen some major expansion. Let's take a look at some of the signposts that herald this growth.

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