

# Linux now on 42% of consumer computing devices ? happy birthday Linus

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As we say happy birthday to Linus Torvalds today, he should be a happy chap because Linux is now the dominating OS on consumer computing devices. According to IDC and Goldman Sachs, as reported by the Seattle Times, Android (which is based on Linux) runs on 42% of all consumer computing devices.

How can that be?

There's no denying the success of Linux in many areas, with Android being the foremost example. Google's Android OS had a worldwide smartphone market share of 75% during the third quarter of 2012. In September, it passed the 500 million milestone for the total number of activated devices, and 1.3 million new devices activated every day.

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