

The 'Year of the Linux Desktop'? That's So 2012

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For those Linux enthusiasts still pining for the mythical "Year of the Linux Desktop," the wait is over. In fact, it already happened. In 2012 Microsoft's share of computing devices fell to 20% from a high of 97% as recently as 2000, as a Goldman Sachs report reveals. While Apple has taken a big chunk of Microsoft's Windows lead, it's actually Google that plays Robin Hood in the operating system market, now claiming 42% of all computing devices with its free "Linux desktop" OS, Android.

Yes, Android. Technically, Android isn't a Linux desktop OS at all. It's a smartphone OS, one that now accounts for 75% of all smartphones shipped, according to IDC.

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