

Linux Won the Desktop Wars a Long Time Ago

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Linux has won the desktop wars and Tux now represents the dominant desktop operating system. We've been in this position for a while now. The reason many of us haven't recognized it is because this win doesn't look anything like we thought it would. When wishes come true, they're rarely what we envisioned.

To make my point, I'll take us back to 2006.

Just like now, in 2006 the FOSS press was busy at work asking, "Will this be the year for Linux on the desktop?" Let's start by looking at what we meant by "desktop" in those days, because what we really meant was the personal computer.

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