

Five months in: Windows 8's market share finally surpasses desktop Linux

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After gaining just 0.4% of the PC market in February, Windows 8 positively exploded in March, gaining another 0.5% of the market ? an astronomical growth rate of almost 20%. This means that Windows 8 now commands no less than 3.1% of the PC market ? a comfortable distance ahead of desktop Linux. To celebrate, many manufacturers are cutting the price of Windows RT tablets.

I am, of course, being sarcastic. Windows 7, after five months of public availability, had captured 10.5% of the market. Even the much-maligned Windows Vista did better than Windows 8 at release ? and in fact, to this day, still has a larger share of the market than Windows 8 (5%).

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