

2006: The year of desktop Linux?

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If ever there was a time for agencies to think about the operating system they deploy on their client systems, it's now. That's because Windows Vista is on the horizon, complete with steep hardware requirements and confusing upgrade pricing. So chances are you have an OS upgrade in your near-term plans. The question is, which OS will it be?

In addition, enterprise-class desktop Linux distributions are here. We're not talking about free, downloadable OSes anymore. These are tightly integrated packages with high-end security features, centrally managed and backed by reputable vendors such as Novell and Red Hat. Some are ready for enterprise deployment; some not so much.

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