

Why Use Linux for Device Drivers?

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The fun factor continues to draw developers to Linux. This open-source system continues to succeed in the market and in the hearts and minds of developers. The success of Linux is clearly a testament to its technical quality and to the numerous benefits of free software in general. But for many, the true key to its success lies in the fact that it has brought the fun back to computing.

One of the authors of the book *Linux Device Drivers* is quite clear about the fun aspects of playing with Linux. In the introduction to the book, Jonathan Corbet noted that, "The true key to the Linux success lies in the fact that it has brought the fun back to computing." Corbet insists that Linux is a system where technical excellence is king. "With Linux, anybody can get their hands into the system and play in a sandbox where contributions from any direction are welcome, but where technical excellence is valued above all else."

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