Translation of the Latest 'Microsoft Loves Linux' Charm Offensive

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QUITE a few additional articles -- mostly puff pieces (below is a complete/exhaustive list) -- have been published since yesterday's blog post, which was followed by a short article from Techrights. There is a lot of Microsoft PR inside the news/media right now (more and more by the hour) and it's coordinated (sometimes in advance, based on what we learned yesterday) by Microsoft. Here is a quick rebuttal to the 4 strands of news:

- The Linux Foundation joins Microsoft (not a slip): Microsoft paid half a million dollars for over a hundred puff pieces (in English alone) and lots of leverage over Linux, including a distraction from the patent wars it wages.
- The GNU/Linux crowd gets a proprietary software database it neither wants nor needs: This might be useful when Microsoft tries to infiltrate GNU/Linux deployments like the one in Munich, later boasting better integration with Windows than with GNU/Linux (same for running Bash/Ubuntu under Windows 10).
- Google and .NET: Microsoft accepts that it lost the mobile wars and also lost developers, so it tries ever more desperately to spread .NET and/or Mono.
- Tizen/Samsung and .NET: As above.

That's about all it means. Below is the raw PR, which is intended to sometimes (it doesn't always work) mislead the reader, having misled the writers/journalists.

Related/contextual items from the news:

- Microsoft demonstrates its commitment to open source by joining Linux Foundation [Ed: Microsoft advocacy sites (often paid-for nonsense) like to pretend to themselves that Microsoft is now a good citizen, not racketeer. iophk: ?You?ve probably seen links about LF joining Microsoft so I won?t add them. It would have been news if Microsoft joined OIN [5],?]

- Microsoft joins The Linux Foundation as a Platinum member [Ed: How MS advocacy sites put it; the larger payment (like political 'donation') was inevitable. To quote Benjamin Henrion, "Microsoft depends so much on taxing Linux via its
dubious software patents that they have decided to join the Linux Foundation #corruption"

- Microsoft now a Platinum Member at Linux Foundation and .NET foundation has Google onboard[8]

- Microsoft joins the Linux foundation and blows everyone's mind[9]

- Microsoft And Linux Working On Advance Open Source Project Development, SQL Server And Azure App Service[10]

- Microsoft and Linux Collaborates For Open-Source Game; As Rivals Unite, How Could Linux Benefit From This?[11]

- Microsoft joins Linux Foundation as it continues to embrace open source[12]

- Microsoft join hands with Linux Foundation as platinum member[13]

- Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation as a Platinum member[14]

- Microsoft Becomes a Member of The Linux Foundation[15]

- Is Google crashing the Microsoft open source party? [16]

- Microsoft: SQL Server for Linux is the real deal[17]

- Microsoft doubles down on Linux love, joins foundation[18]
Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation, launches test build of Visual Studio for Mac [19]

Microsoft makes open source commitment with new partnerships involving Google, Linux, Samsung [20]

Microsoft joins Linux Foundation as a Platinum Member [21]

Microsoft joins Linux Foundation, Open-Source development to get major boost [22]

Microsoft joins Linux Foundation at Platinum Partner [23]

After OpenAI Partnership, Microsoft Joins The Linux Foundation To Dive Deeper Into Open-Source Code [24]

Microsoft is joining the Linux Foundation [25]

Microsoft Joins Linux Foundation, Bets on Open Cloud Computing [26]

Microsoft Shows Linux Love by Joining the Linux Foundation [27]

Loves spreads, new Microsoft SQL Server now previewed on Ubuntu [28]

Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation, no really [29]

Linux Academy Partners with Microsoft Visual Studio Dev Essentials Program [30]
Microsoft Becomes Linux Foundation Platinum Member, The Last Leaf has Fallen

Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation, confirms commitment to open source development

Microsoft has joined the Linux foundation

Microsoft Joins Linux Foundation, After Calling Linux a 'Cancer'

Microsoft Drops Tech Bombshell As It Joins Linux Foundation

Microsoft partners with the Linux Foundation

Microsoft and Google bury the hatchet in one small way

Microsoft Joins the Linux Foundation As Everyone Now Loves Open Source

Microsoft is the Platinum member of Linux Foundation

Linux Foundation Gets a Surprising New Member: Microsoft

SQL Server joins the Linux party, new preview comes to Linux and Docker

Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation as a Platinum member, Google joins .Net community
- Microsoft joins Linux Foundation that promotes open-source technology [43]

- Microsoft SQL Server Supports Linux [44]

- Cricket Australia to adopt Microsoft’s team and player performance platform [45]

- Microsoft announces association with Linux Foundation with Platinum membership [46]

- Microsoft joins The Linux Foundation at highest membership tier [47]

- Microsoft Joins Linux Foundation As Platinum Member And Releases Ports [48]

- Microsoft Embraces Open Source, Joins Linux Foundation [49]

- As Microsoft joins Linux, Google shakes hands with the .NET Foundation [50]

- Microsoft joined the Linux foundation as a platinum member because of Cloud Services [51]

- Microsoft, Google, and Samsung Bury the Hatchet with New Partnerships [52]

- Microsoft, Google, Samsung Team Up In Open Source Development [53]

- Microsoft surprises by joining Linux, 15 years after calling it a ‘cancer’ [54]
Microsoft joins Linux Foundation in another nod to open-source code

Microsoft officially joins the Linux league of open source contributors

After Microsoft joins Linux, Google Cloud joins .NET Foundation

Google signs on to the .NET Foundation

Microsoft Joins Linux Foundation

Microsoft?s .NET Foundation Now Includes Google

Microsoft Joins The Linux Foundation In Latest Open Source Commitment

Microsoft joins The Linux Foundation; takes on Oracle

Microsoft Joins The Linux Foundation to Boost Open Source Software Ecosystem

Microsoft has officially joined the Linux Foundation

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Microsoft has officially joined the Linux Foundation, marking a significant shift in the company's approach to open-source technology. This move underscores Microsoft's commitment to fostering collaboration and innovation within the open-source community. The company's decision to join the Linux Foundation as a Platinum Member aligns with its broader strategy of embracing open-source software, particularly in cloud services. This development is likely to set a precedent for other tech giants, highlighting the growing importance of open-source initiatives in the industry.

Microsoft's entry into the Linux Foundation is notable for several reasons. Firstly, it represents a major pivot from its historical stance on Linux, which it once disparaged as a "cancer." The company's recent decision to support Linux and other open-source technologies, such as SQL Server, signifies a reevaluation of its competitive landscape and a recognition of the growing market potential of open-source solutions.

By joining the Linux Foundation, Microsoft not only gains access to a wealth of contributions and resources but also reinforces its commitment to interoperability and standards. This move is likely to be welcomed by developers, particularly those working on projects that benefit from the broad support and stability offered by the Linux ecosystem. Furthermore, Microsoft's participation in the Foundation could spur more partnerships and collaborations, further enriching the open-source landscape.

As Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation, it is expected to contribute its expertise and resources to the community. This could lead to the development of new tools and services that leverage the strengths of both Microsoft and Linux ecosystems. The combination of Microsoft's innovation capabilities and the open-source community's collaborative spirit is likely to drive advancements in cloud services, artificial intelligence, and other areas where open-source technologies are pivotal.

The news of Microsoft's entry into the Linux Foundation has been widely reported across various news websites, reflecting the global interest in this development. Publications from around the world, including The Register, Indiaglobe, and others, have covered the story, highlighting the implications of Microsoft's decision for the tech industry and the broader implications of its shift towards open-source technology.

This marks a new chapter in the relationship between Microsoft and open-source initiatives, one that promises to be dynamic and transformative. As Microsoft's involvement with the Linux Foundation deepens, it is anticipated that the company will continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of open-source technology.