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 [2], which was followed by a short article from Techrights [3]. 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 [4] [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 [6] [Ed: How MS advocacy sites put it; the larger payment (like political 'donation') was inevitable [3]. To quote Benjamin Henrion [7], "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 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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