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 [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
Microsoft doubles down on Linux love, joins foundation [18]

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

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Microsoft Becomes a Member of The Linux Foundation [15]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

dubious software patents that they have decided to join the Linux Foundation #corruption’’
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** [31]

- **Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation, confirms commitment to open source development** [32]

- **Microsoft has joined the Linux foundation** [33]

- **Microsoft Joins Linux Foundation, After Calling Linux a 'Cancer'** [34]

- **Microsoft Drops Tech Bombshell As It Joins Linux Foundation** [35]

- **Microsoft partners with the Linux Foundation** [36]

- **Microsoft and Google bury the hatchet in one small way** [37]

- **Microsoft Joins the Linux Foundation As Everyone Now Loves Open Source** [38]

- **Microsoft is the Platinum member of Linux Foundation** [39]

- **Linux Foundation Gets a Surprising New Member: Microsoft** [40]

- **SQL Server joins the Linux party, new preview comes to Linux and Docker** [41]

- **Microsoft joins the Linux Foundation as a Platinum member, Google joins .Net community** [42]
- 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 [55]

• Microsoft officially joins the Linux league of open source contributors [56]

• After Microsoft joins Linux, Google Cloud joins .NET Foundation [57]

• Google signs on to the .NET Foundation [58]

• Microsoft Joins Linux Foundation [59]

• Microsoft?s .NET Foundation Now Includes Google [60]

• Microsoft Joins The Linux Foundation In Latest Open Source Commitment [61]

• Microsoft joins The Linux Foundation; takes on Oracle [62]

• Microsoft Joins The Linux Foundation to Boost Open Source Software Ecosystem [63]

• Microsoft has officially joined the Linux Foundation [64]

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