

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"]

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