



Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3 The Next Generation Of Enterprise Class Linux

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Red Hat at a Glance



- 650 Employees with 300+ Engineers
- Full service business model
- Public: Full financial visibility
- \$120M in annual revenues and \$300M in cash
- 75% of the North America Linux server market





From Open Source to Enterprise Products







Enterprise Linux 3 Product Family



Server Products Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS - X86, Itanium2, AMD64, IBM z,i,p servers

Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES - X86, Itanium2, AMD64 servers

Client/Desktop Products Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS - X86, Itanium 2, AMD64 workstations





Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS



- Target applications:
 - Commercial databases and their applications
 - Medium-large web & application server environments
 - Custom corporate applications

- High-end server environment
 - Broadest system support 7 architectures
 - Most extensive services up to 24x7 @ 1hr
- Includes server applications
 - E.G. Apache, Sendmail, DNS, DHCP, PXE...
 - Also includes full desktop environment





Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES

- Variant of Enterprise Linux priced for smaller systems
- Mid-range/medium server environment
 - Common package set with Enterprise Linux AS
- Targeted for servers with 1-2 CPUs and up to 8GB
 - Small/medium departmental databases & applications
 - Edge-of-network devices (firewalls, name servers...)
 - Web/mail servers
 - File/print servers
 - Infrastructure servers







Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS

- Client variant of Enterprise Linux
 - Shared core technology with Enterprise Linux AS & ES
 - Supports x86, Itanium and AMD64 architectures
- Suitable for desktop systems
 - Includes full suite of productivity applications Email Word Processor, SpreadSheet, Presentation, Web Browser
- Target applications:
 - Personal productivity
 - Technical workstations (S/W development, engineering)
 - Commercial desktops (financial, back-office, manufacturing, etc)
 - EDA & graphics imaging







High Performance Computing

- Enterprise Linux WS is also for HPC
 - Basic HPC platform functionality included (pvm, lam...)
- Why WS for HPC?
 - Considered a "Headless workstation"
 - Fits price-point and package lists for HPC nodes
- Suitable for Semiconductor Design and Simulation
 - Compute farms
 - EDA and imaging farms
 - Available with maintenance only (no SLA)







Enterprise Linux 3 Architecture Support

	Red Hat Enterprise Linux AS	Red Hat Enterprise Linux ES	Red Hat Enterprise Linux WS
Intel x86 compatible	Y	Y	Y
Intel Itanium	Υ	Υ	Υ
AMD AMD64	Y	Y	Y
IBM pSeries	Y	Ν	Ν
IBM iSeries	Y	N	N
IBM zSeries	Y	Ν	Ν
IBM S/390	Y	Ν	Ν





Enterprise Linux Differentiators

- Extended development of new releases
 - 12-18 month release cycle
 - Customers, partners and OEM's involved in 6-month Alpha/Beta test cycle
 - 5-year support life cycle
- Regular, consolidated updates provided during product lifetime:
 - Bug fixes
 - Minor enhancements
 - Support for new hardware





Enterprise Linux Lifecycle



- Three Phases of Support
 - Full Support: Update Releases, bug fixes, security fixes
 - Deployment: bug fixes, security fixes
 - *Maintenance:* critical bug fixes, security fixes
- Update Releases
 - Released every 3-6 months for during *Full Support*
 - Update releases include
 - Updated hardware support, including a new installer
 - All cumulatively published errata





Red Hat Enterprise Linux 3

- Over 300 new features, including 100 "Priority 1" features from OEM's, partners, and customers
- 64-bit clean implementation
- RHEL 2.1 system upgrade path (for stock installations only)
- Single source code base is used for 7 architectures: x86, AMD64, IA64, IBM zSeries, IBM S/390, IBM pSeries, IBM iSeries
- Available in 10 languages: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, Chinese – Simplified, Chinese – Traditional, Portugese





Major New Features

- Linux 2.4.21 kernel enhanced with 2.5/2.6 features
- Full 4GB addressing on x86
- Improved threading performance
- Updated tools and Java
- Enhanced architecture support
- Enhanced Bluecurve[™] desktop environment
- Storage and networking enhancements
- Continued commitment to standards
- Enhanced security features
- Diskless system support







Enhanced Linux Kernel

- Kernel based on 2.4.21
 - Better support for large SMP up to 16 physical CPU's (x86)
 - Better support for large memory up to 64GB (x86)
- Back-ported features from 2.5/2.6
 - NPTL
 - RMAP VM
 - ATAPI Block Subsystem
 - KAME IPSec/IPv6
 - CryptoAPI





Full 4GB Addressing for 32-bit x86 Systems

- On Linux, a classic 32-bit 4GB virtual address space is split 3GB for user processes and 1GB for the kernel
- The new Red Hat kernel permits 4GB of virtual address space for the kernel and almost 4GB for each user process







Improved Threading Compatability and Performance

- Native Posix Thread Library (NPTL)
 - Full implementation of POSIX threads
- Highly scalable, native implementation
 - Creation/deletion performance independent of the number of threads running
 - Supported by all utilities and applications
- Major benefits to massively multithreaded applications
 - Databases
 - Application Servers







Updated Tools and Java Support

- GCC 3.2 toolchain
 - Full ANSI C++ support
 - ISO C99 Standard support
 - Memory debugging support
- Same API across architectures
 - Use GCC to build on all platforms from a single source base
- Java 1.4.x
 - BEA, IBM and Sun implementations available with NPTL support (architecture specific)
 - GCJ/LibGCJ Open-Source Java GCC compiler front-end







Enhanced Architecture Support

- Architecture Optimizations
 - Pentium IV s/w pipelining, etc
 - IA64 instruction scheduler
 - Support for MMX & SSE
- Hyperthreading-Aware Scheduler
 - Recognizes differences between logical and physical processors
 - Takes advantage of shared on-chip caches







Enhanced Desktop with Bluecurve[™]

- Modern easy-to-use user interface
 - Unified look-and-feel for applications
- Support for newer graphics hardware
 - Enables RHEL Certifications for OEM workstations
- Productivity Applications
 - OpenOffice Productivity Suite
 - Ximian Evolution Email
 - Mozilla Web Browser







Storage Enhancements

- Subsystem Improvements
 - Improved large-memory I/O support
 - Up to 256 SCSI devices
 - Serial ATA support
- Access Conrol Lists (ACL's)
 - Read/Write/Exec sepparate from UNIX permissions
 - ACL's honored over NFS with RHEL 3 client and RHEL 3 server
- Logical Volume Manager (LVM)
 - Support for separate physical and logical devices
 - Support for "warm" resize of partitions and select filesystems
 - Compatible with existing software RAID







Networking Enhancements

- KAME Kernel IPSec/IPv6 Stack
 - Offers enhanced, standard IPSec
 - Packets are encrypted, authenticated & anti-replay protected
 - Support for tunnels between subnets
 - Support for transport mode for secure communication directly between two machines
 - Tested to be able to communicate with IPSec appliances and other OS IPSec implementations
- Improved, more complete IPv6 support than in 2.1





Continued Commitment to Standards

- LSB 1.3 compliance (Linux Standard Base)
 - Builds on RHEL 2.1 LSB 1.2 compliance
 - All RHEL releases will be LSB compliant
 - Standard available at http://www.linuxbase.org
- National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP) Common Criteria Certification
 - Expected to be complete by the end of 2003
 - Certification to EAL 2 (Evaluation Assurance Level)
 - Internationally accepted standard
 - Specified by US Department of Defense
- CommonOperating Environment (COE)
 - DISA standard for DoD deployments







Security Enhancements

- Kernel-level cryptography (CryptoAPI)
- Pluggable cryptographic algorithms
 - e.g. DES, AES, MD5
- Allows encryption to be done within the Kernel, transparent to applications
- Support for crypto-accelerator hardware





Diskless System Support

- Suitable for HPC and thin-client configurations
- Allows a Red Hat Enterprise Linux server to host other Red Hat Enterprise Linux images with net-boot clients
- Minimal per-client overhead
- Clients can use local disks for swapping and general storage









Q & A



