



EBIZ and Linux NetworX merge

Vendor neutral open source solution provider EBIZ has announced plans to merge with cluster management tool developer Linux NetworX. Under the terms of the agreement, EBIZ will begin manufacturing Linux NetworX cluster compute nodes in its technology centre in Houston, Texas.

Dave Shaw, chief executive of EBIZ said, the merger with Linux NetworX Would benefit EBIZ customers and shareholders as the company moves into the high performance computing space. "The high performance computing market is growing at a rapid rate. IDC estimates that the high performance computing market has grown from \$4.8 billion in 1998 to \$5.8 billion in 2000 and that it will grow to \$7.5 billion by 2003."

Glen Lowry, president and chief executive of Linux NetworX highlighted The benefits of EBIZ's established sales channels for his company, which

are expected to speed up product delivery. "This proposed merger will allow Linux NetworX to more quickly execute its business plan and increase Market penetration for our Linux clustering products through the mature EBIZ sales channels. We will streamline our product delivery and expand markets for our Evolocity cluster systems and ClusterWorX suite of management tools. By combining forces with another established Linux company like EBIZ, we will also be able to provide better services for our customers."

The merger is expected to be completed during the second quarter of this year. ■

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www.ebizerprises.com

Maya animation ported to RedHat

AliasWavefront, an SGI company, has announced that it has ported its Suite of Maya 3D effects and animation software products to the Red Hat Linux operating system. The decision to port to Linux comes as a response to requests from the animation world. Chris Ford, Senior Maya Product Manager for AliasWavefront said, "AliasWavefront is responding to the needs of its customers by making Maya available on their preferred graphics hardware platforms. With Maya For Linux, IRIX, WindowsNT/Windows 2000 and soon Mac OS X, our users have maximum flexibility to choose the hardware and software configurations that are most appropriate to their creative and business requirements."

Game developers welcome the news that Maya is now available for Linux, according to Makoto Osaki, director of the AM2 division of CSK Research Institute (formerly AM2 of SEGA), which was one of the beta test sites For the Linux version of Maya. He said: "Our developers have been very happy with the performance of Maya on Linux. The flexibility, control and familiarity of a Unix-based system combined with Linux's cost effectiveness, efficient data and network management capabilities and ability to recycle IRIX plug-ins makes for a very powerful solution. Maya on Linux will be Our primary package for 3D CG game content development." Michael Babcock, software engineer at Jim Henson's

Creature Shop said: "We are very excited to be able to run Maya on Linux ." He added: "The core of our puppeteering control system technology runs on Linux and we love the stability and flexibility it provides. Now that Maya's superb character tools are available on Linux the Henson Digital Performance Studio is a complete, smooth production pipeline that combines powerful and elegant tools to provide the best in character performance animation." ■

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<http://www.aliaswavefront.com/>



Easier Eazel online

Eazel, a software developer that focuses on ease of use for the Linux desktop, has announced an enhanced version of its Software Catalogue service, which makes it simpler for users of Eazel's Nautilus content and delivery platform to download software packages for the Linux platform. The Software Catalogue service provides a searchable collection of more than 5000 software packages for the Linux platform, including StarOffice, Adobe Acrobat Reader, Macromedia Flash, and Netscape 6.0. Once users have located the software they require, they can download with one click. Enhancements to the service include software reviews from Eazel's team as well as reviews from Linux Magazine and Linux Orbit magazine. Mike Boich, chief executive officer at Eazel said that one of the most common frustrations people report about their computers related to upgrading software. He added: "As part of our

mission to make computers easier and more enjoyable to use for technical and non-technical users alike, we have integrated the desktop user environment with Internet services that will help solve this problem, save time and help our customers make the most of their computing experience." Eazel has also launched the first in its new series of software suites. Eazel plans to deliver a range of these topic-specific suites of Software that can be downloaded together, again with a single click. The first suite focuses on music and consists of a compact disc player, a mp3 player, a music organiser and an encoder for music files. ■

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<http://www.eazel.com/download>



zServer users get SAP

IBM is teaming up with e-business solution provider SAP to deliver the mySAP.com e-business platform on Linux for the IBM eServer zSeries. This means that mySAP.com will be available on both Linux and z/OS to zSeries customers, giving them the opportunity to deploy open source 64bit virtual storage for their online business. Karl-Heinz Hess, a member of the SAP Extended Executive Board said, "Since early 1999, SAP has successfully supported Linux as a mature, reliable operating system for e-business solutions. With IBM supporting Linux on the eServer zSeries, customers now benefit immediately from the availability of mySAP.com on this hardware platform. The early SAP commitment to Linux proves to be the right decision."

Dan Colby, general manager, Enterprise Servers, IBM added: "Linux on

the IBM eServer z900 is a powerful choice for SAP customers seeking a high-performance, open infrastructure for their e-business applications. This combination of technologies - with mySAP.com and the z900 at its core - provides our mutual customers with superior reliability, outstanding systems management, and breadth of applications available on Linux, all at a competitive price."

Heinz-Peter Bröckskes, managing director of ScaleOn GmbH, Germany said that deploying mySAP.com on Linux for IBM eServer zSeries enabled his company to run a comprehensive e-business solution on one server. This combines the high scalability and reliability of a 64-bit zSeries platform with leading-edge innovations of an open source environment." The solution is due to begin shipping in the second quarter of 2001. ■

Messaging help

International Messaging Associates has launched the beta release of its Internet Exchange Messaging Server 5 at the CeBit Fair in Hannover, Germany along with the promise that support for a number of Linux distributions including those of RedHat Linux, VALinux, Trubolinux and Caldera Systems will be made available.

Internet Exchange Messaging Server is the latest addition to IMA's family of scalable, open architecture. It can be used with a range of email solutions. Tim Kehres, IMA Managing Director said: "Internet Exchange 5 now conforms to both major operating environments - Linux and Windows. We are currently working on providing support for several Linux distributions." The package includes free one-year support and free 25-user license for its Message Store. Further user licenses may be purchased. ■

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<http://www.ima.com/pdf/iemsoverview.pdf>

Wireless World

Wired and wireless application server technology provider Lutris Technologies has announced its new range of targeted wireless consulting services, as well as new heterogeneous wireless client platform support and new enterprise hardware certifications for the Lutris Enhydra Java/XML application server. Lutris Targeted Services enable customers to specify the services they need for their web or wireless application development programs. Lutris Targeted Services cover the areas of wireless planning, Enhydra application architecture assessment and Enhydra application performance assessment. The service offers a two-day executive planning session on developing Wireless web applications, as well as architectural and performance assessments for applications built with Enhydra's application

server. Yancy Lind, chief executive of Lutris said that Enhydra customers and partners wanted the simplicity of a single, supportable application. "They want the flexibility to target any of their users' device types, from

HTML to WAP to i-mode to PDAs. With no proprietary languages or vendor lock-in, Lutris Enhydra and our services provide customers with an easy to use and entirely portable application Internet infrastructure." Lutris now has further targeted services in the pipeline. These will focus on planning, development and full life cycle management of Enhydra-based Web applications and will include branding, graphic design, usability analysis and platform migration services. ■



Games developers get help

Metrowerks has launched its new Analysis Tools Kit (AttaCK) aimed at Games developers. The Analysis Tools Kit promises to expand opportunities for game developers and shorten time to market. The ATtaCK framework was originally created by Metrowerks to build its CodeWarrior Analysis tools suite. Using the tool kit, game developers can custom-build tools to profile, debug and analyse their applications. In this way, they can create their own tools to handle the system-level issues that can affect in games projects. Brian Gildon, director of core technology and games platforms, Metrowerks said: "The Analysis Tools Kit underscores our commitment to helping game developers reach market as fast as possible with high quality games and content. This is leading-edge tools technology, and combined with our breadth of platform support, it demonstrates how serious we are about the gaming space." Metrowerks also said it was planning to work with Motorola, Ericsson and Siemens to deliver development tools for a new Universal Mobile Games Platform. The announcements were made at the Games Developers Conference (GDC). There, Metrowerks also demonstrated the new Linux version of its CodeWarrior for PlayStation2 tools. ■

Easier Graphics

Paul Nolan Software has launched the new version of its Photogenics Image modification and creation software for Linux and Windows. Photogenics 5.0 enables users to manipulate images from straightforward file format conversion to re-touching a photograph. Features include real-time modification of colour, transparency, image processing mode, and artwork positioning and a range of mouse controlled media tools including Airbrush, Chalk, Pencil, Sponge, Watercolour, Smudge and Smear. Exclusive to the package is Photogenics' Paint Layer Technology that allows mistakes to be rubbed out using a "fade out" technique with the right mouse

button, leaving other modifications to the image undisturbed. Paul Nolan, creator of Photogenics commented: "People just seem to love the ability to erase mistakes with the right mouse button, and do simple yet amazing things like spraying on all of the image processing filters without having to first make tedious masks. It comes as a revelation to those bound to the worn, standard editing paradigm." The new software's debut ties in with the opening of the Photogenics eStore. ■

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<http://photogenics.beyond.com>



RedHat improve revenue

Open source developer Red Hat has reported revenue of \$27 million for the fourth quarter, which ended on 28 February 2001. The figure represents an increase of 106 percent compared with the revenue of \$13.1 million reported for the fourth quarter of fiscal 2000 and an increase of 20 percent over revenues for the third quarter of fiscal 2001. Matthew Szulik, chief executive of Red Hat commented: "Red Hat expanded its sources of revenue by introducing strategic solutions to our global customers, which contributed to our strong operating results. Our management team has continued to accomplish the operational and financial goals stated a year ago". ■

Red embedded tools

REDSONIC, a provider of diversified software-integrated hardware solutions for the embedded market, has partnered with the embedded systems solution provider Tri-M Systems to port its REDICE Linux tools to Tri-M Systems' MZ104.

Integral to REDSONIC's REDICE-Linux real time Linux kernel is the rapid embedded system image creation tool and integrated development environment, RED-Builder. RED-Builder provides a graphical user interface that enables system developers to configure, build, and download images to the embedded target. The REDICE-Linux development tool set includes compilers, debuggers, schedule code generators, a target image builder and a real-time event monitor.

Andrew Chen, Chief Technology Officer for REDSONIC said: "Tri-M System's MZ104 Starter Kit is an excellent platform for demonstrating the real-time performance and flexibility available within the REDICE-Linux SDK and tool set. The coupling of the low power, high performance MachZ embedded PC-on-a-Chip, utilising the PC 104 standard, provides system developers With maximum exploitation of our real-time implementation of the Linux kernel." ■

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<http://www.redsonic.com/>

Farm management made simpler

Open source solution provider VA Linux Systems has launched its VA Linux 100 remote management solution for 1U server farms. The VA Linux 100 uses VA's VACM cluster management software to turn rack of VA Linux 1120 and 1220 1U servers into unified server arrays, enabling systems administrators to manage them securely from anywhere in the world.

The VA Linux 100 is part of VA's management solution that includes VACM and VA SystemImager software. It offers server power management capabilities and a built-in LCD interface. One VA Linux 100 can

manage up to 42 server nodes, while multiple VA Linux 100 systems can be managed through a single VACM interface.

Ali Jenab, president and COO, VA Linux Systems commented: "Scalable management infrastructure is critical for our enterprise-level customers. Used with our 1120 and 1220 servers, VACM and the VA Linux 100 are designed to manage thousands of servers distributed among data centres."

Chuck Boenheim is assistant director of Stanford Linear Accelerator Centre (SLAC) Computing Services, which uses VA Linux to provide a cluster of 280 1U servers and

deployed VA Linux 100 systems to provide systems management.

He commented: "Remote management is critical to us, operating over a thousand servers in a light-out environment. VA Linux had the most complete cluster management package that we evaluated. It was also the most affordable solution we were offered, and along with VA's outstanding Linux software expertise, it was the clear choice for us." ■

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<http://valinux.com/systems/productinfo.html>



ISPs get virtual servers

freeVSD, the world's only GPL virtual server solution for Linux, is announcing the release of version 1.4.6 which now provides full support for Red Hat 7.0, and includes the latest true 'thin client' administration interface for virtual servers, VSDClient. freeVSD, an open source project sponsored by Idaya Ltd, was released in its first version under GPL license in Spring 2000. The software enables ISPs to securely partition their physical servers into many 'virtual servers', each capable of running popular hosting applications such as Apache, Sendmail and MySQL. ■

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www.freevsd.org



SUN PULLS OUT BLADE AND ATTACKS WINTEL SPACE

Sun Microsystems has announced the release of its new Sun Blade 1000 workstation.

The company claims that its focus on network services gives it an edge over price/performance-focused Wintel workstation vendors such as Compaq and Dell, but that hasn't stopped it shouting about the Sun Blade 1000.

Pitching it as the first 64-bit Unix workstation to be available for under £1,000. Based on the 500MHz UltraSparc IIe processor with the Solaris 8 operating environment, 2GB of memory, and the Sun PCI II coprocessor card and its new Sun Expert3D-Lite graphics accelerator board. The company is offering a bundled solution with the IPlanet Suite and Forte for C, C++ and Java for just £3,050 until the end of June. With the PCI II coprocessor, Sun workstation users can run Microsoft Windows applications natively on a 600MHz Intel Celeron

processor, which makes The Sun Blade an ideal environment for developing and testing multi-platform applications, according to the company's Sun Blade 1000 product manager, George Iwaki. Unix's share of the workstation market is generally perceived as sliding, under pressure from the price/performance of Wintel products, but Kohout denies this is the case. When it comes to mission critical workstations handling sensitive financial data or doing complex development, modelling and design, Unix is holding its own, he claims. Far from an attempt to undercut the Wintel vendors, Sun is instead attempting to steal market share from other Unix workstation vendors such as SGI, HP and IBM, he says. Nevertheless, while Sun can currently boast to be the runaway leader in The 64-bit workstation space, with the arrival of Windows XP and Intel's 64-bit processors this year, that lead may not last for long. ■

New places to get certified

Red Hat Europe an open source solution provider for the Internet infrastructure, has announced additional locations for its RHCE training and certification programme, as well as other Red Hat courses. Red Hat training is now available in facilities in Dublin, Madrid, Manchester and Rome, in addition to the course centres previously announced in Berlin, Essen, Guildford, Hamburg, Milan, Munich, Paris and Stuttgart.

New courses on Red Hat's syllabus include Apache web server, firewalling, HA clustering and embedded system engineering. RHCEs are expected to pass a performance-based exam that tests their real world abilities with Linux systems and network administration on live computer equipment.

Jasmine Huxtable-Wright, EMEA Training and Business Development Manager said: "These new locations extend Red Hat's training and certification programmes to more cities, giving our customers greater access right where they live and work. IT professionals and their employers have recognised the value and consistency of the RHCE Programme, as well as our commitment to providing the highest quality programmes on Linux systems administration, open source applications and development." ■

TURBOLINUX SHOWS ITS CARING SIDE

Asia-Pacific Linux distributor Turbolinux has announced that it is to acquire leading Linux business services company Linuxcare for an undisclosed sum. The combined company of Turbolinux and Linuxcare now boasts US customers such as JP Morgan Chase, Amazon, KPMG and First Interstate Bank. Turbolinux has added Linuxcare's professional services organisation, technical support team, subscription-based managed services, professional training and independent testing labs to its portfolio. The new company, which will be known as Turbolinux, will maintain Linuxcare's support of 21 Linux distributions including Red Hat, Caldera, SuSE, Debian GNU/Linux and Corel.

Paul Thomas, Turbolinux CEO, retains his position, while Linuxcare CEO and co-founder Arthur Tyde becomes chief technology officer. The combined company also boasts the backing of industry heavyweights such as Oracle, Sun, Compaq, Dell, HP, Fujitsu, Motorola, Intel, IBM, NEC, Novell, SGI, Hitachi and Toshiba. ■

New Open Hardware boards

Aleph One Ltd of Cambridge and Remote 12 Systems Ltd of London, are now shipping LART and KSB Development Boards, for Linux applications on StrongARM processors, complete with a User Guide, software and cables. The LART board and its daughters were developed and made public by the Technical University in Delft, Netherlands. The group of boards continue to be developed, and details are available under the Open Hardware approach. The boards are small, light and low-powered enough to make them a good platform for developing a huge variety of applications like wearable computers, robot controllers, wireless multimedia systems, in-car infotainment systems, process monitoring, PDA's and so on. The hardware design is transparent so

unnecessary functions can be dropped and new functions added before redesigning for the final application. They will be of interest to all those exploiting the high-performance low-power ARM and Intel StrongARM processors, by taking advantage of the huge resources of the Linux development environment. The 100x75mm boards have a 220MHz Intel StrongARM 1100 processor, 32MB of EDO RAM and 4MB of Flash RAM, and, with the KSB, consume less than a watt to achieve about 200MIPS. ■

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<http://www.lart.tudelft.nl>



VISUAL NUMERICS PORTS IMSL FORTRAN 90 LIBRARY TO RED HAT LINUX

Visual Numerics, a developer of web-enabled numerical analysis, data visualisation and enterprise software solutions, has announced that it has ported its IMSL Fortran 90 Library to Red Hat Linux. IMSL Fortran 90 Library is a collection of more than 1,000 mathematical and statistical analysis functions written in Fortran that programmers can embed directly into their applications. The Library's platform-optimised functions, which are the most accurate and reliable on the market, support distributed computing environments or run on a stand-alone desktop computer. ■

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www.vni.com



Borland Speeds Linux™ Development Into The Mainstream With Kylix

Kylix is the first native rapid application development (RAD) environment for the Linux operating system. Kylix combines an intuitive visual design environment, optimising native code compiler, interactive debugger and comprehensive component suite to give developers the tools they need to deliver Web, desktop and database applications on Linux fast. Corporate and individual developers can now take advantage of the flexibility of

cross-platform capabilities and a native RAD environment. "We expect Kylix to have a dramatic impact on the Linux marketplace," said Dale L. Fuller, president and CEO, Borland. "Millions of users developing today with Borland Delphi and Microsoft Visual Basic will now have the ability to easily move their skills, knowledge and applications to the Linux platform and, as a result, catapult Linux into the corporate mainstream." ■

New support with F-Secure Anti-Virus for Firewalls on Linux

Risto Siilasmaa, President and CEO of F-Secure Corporation said, "The reliability of the Linux operating system has given great impetus to the open source movement, attracting a worldwide community of zealous developers. As a result of increasing adoptions and requests by our customers, F-Secure brings our anti-virus solution to this important environment, and in the process makes Linux a safer, more desirable platform on which to base mission critical applications." A world-renowned anti-virus research team enables F-Secure to update virus databases daily. The content scanning server can receive database updates automatically without manual intervention by the system administrator, further assuring that all systems are current with the highest level of protection. ■



New OpenLinux from Caldera

Caldera Systems has reported that its OpenLinux server product, codenamed Project 42, and its OpenLinux Workstation 3.1 have entered open beta and are now available for download.

Project 42 is based on the new Linux 2.4 kernel. Aimed at OEMs and VARs, the product features a secure Web server, a file and print server, and a set of network infrastructure servers, including DHCP, DNS, and firewall. Project 42 supports both UNIX and Samba file and print servers, Project 42 can run alone or on top of UnixWare. Other features of Project 42 include security enhancements, LSB 1.0 implementation, Java SDK version 1.3, and a Caldera Volution deployment agent.

OpenLinux Workstation is the develop-on platform for Caldera. It is aimed at Open Source developers looking to deploy on Caldera enterprise platforms. Built on the new Linux 2.4 kernel, OpenLinux Workstation replaces OpenLinux eDesktop 2.4. Features include KDE 2.1, glibc 2.2.1 and Xfree86 4.0.2. The beta version's open source development tools include gcc 2.95.2, g++ 2.95.2, Perl 5.6.0, OpenSSL 0.9.6 and Sun Java 2 SDK, Standard Edition, version 1.3. Caldera plans to ship a set of commercial development tools with the

final version of Workstation.

Drew Spencer, chief technology officer for Caldera Systems said: "Project 42, our first develop on platform, is our latest generation Linux-based server product and will be the base for future Linux and UNIX integration products." He said that OpenLinux Workstation provided an ideal develop-on environment to write applications for Linux or to UnixWare via the Linux Kernel Personality (LKP) technology. "Developers run the same operating system on their desktop as they deploy on the server. The product is particularly suited to developers that need to deploy their applications in a secure, supported, scalable, server setting - in an easy to use environment."

Ron Herman, president of Blue Chip Computer Systems, beta-site for Project 42 added: "Caldera's new server will enable Blue Chip Computer Systems to save time when setting up servers for our clients and make money by providing our customers an excellent quality product. Its install was straightforward, and it's incredibly easy to manage."

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<http://www.calderasystems.com/products/beta/>

IBM and Sendmail announce partnership

Sendmail Inc, who produce the commercial Sendmail Internet mail server have announced a partnership with IBM.

With over 700,000 sendmail servers in uses and the email volume predicted to grow by over 40 per cent next five years. The partnership will give rise to a secure and reliable ebusiness infrastructure. Support is available 24x7

Nortel Networks, Caterpillar, KPMG and Double Click are amongst Sendmails customers. Sendmail is available for Linux on diverse platforms up to IBM S/390's. ■

Legato NetWorker now Supports Four

Enterprise storage management software provider Legato Systems has added support for the latest version of TurboLinux - TurboLinux 6.0 - to its NetWorker 6.0.1 storage management product and its Legato NetWorker Module 3.1 for Oracle.

Legato NetWorker 6.0.1 supports Linux at the server, storage node, client level as well as at the critical application level. Aimed at enterprise, service provider, and e-commerce customers, it provides them with a flexible solution for protecting their Linux data with such features as advanced backup/restore operations including the saveset level browse and retention policies, saveset consolidation, backup staging, remote recovery and directed cross-platform browse.

Jerry Greenberg, senior vice president of marketing at Turbolinux said he expects the growth in the Linux market to continue with the support of data protection solutions such as that offered by Legato. "Legato NetWorker for Linux offers a significant advantage to Turbolinux users who require a reliable and scalable data protection solution."

David L. Beamer, executive vice president of worldwide sales and marketing at Legato Systems

added: "We are extremely pleased to announce support for Turbolinux, a key player in the Linux marketplace today. We anticipate an expanding market for Legato NetWorker on Turbolinux as more companies trust their data to Linux servers and require sophisticated, reliable data management tools."

Dan Kusnetzky, IDC's Vice President of system software research commented on the growing importance of enterprise backup solutions for the Linux market. "Oracle was one of the earliest commercial database offerings on Linux. As Linux is increasingly used as a platform for database-based applications, it is clear that enterprise backup solutions supporting Linux and Oracle on Linux will also become increasingly important. Products such as Legato's NetWorker 6.0.1 and NetWorker Module 3.1 for Oracle are sure to be well received."

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www.legato.com/eval

LYNXWORKS AND NEOMAGIC PROVIDE SYSTEM-ON-CHIP SOLUTION

Open source and real time embedded solution provider LynuxWorks is working with embedded DRAM and logic technology developer NeoMagic to provide LynuxWorks' embedded BlueCat Linux for NeoMagic's forthcoming System-on-Chip (SoC) platform for smart handheld devices.

NeoMagic's SoC solution delivers enhanced graphics, audio and video playback in a compact form. Designed for low power consumption, the product aims to offer a cost effective personal entertainment device.

Economy was a key factor in Neomagic's decision to work with LynuxWorks, explains Jason Chiang, product marketing manager at NeoMagic. "We found the open-source nature of LynuxWorks'

BlueCat Linux, and their aggressive porting services, quite suitable for keeping our development and deployment costs to a minimum. BlueCat also enables increased design validation and test coverage of the SoC during the product development phase, and therefore helps to reduce the time-to-market cycle."

Greg Rose, director of product management for LynuxWorks. "The support for LynuxWorks' BlueCat on NeoMagic's SoC will provide our customers with best-of-breed products and services for developing next generation smart devices. The reference design will extend LynuxWorks' commitment to embedded markets for Internet-based, consumer information and entertainment devices."

SuSE Linux has appointed three new members to its supervisory board

The three appointees, all industry experts, are Heinrich Rodewig, partner of the law firm Haarmann, Hemmelrath and Partner, who will be the new Chairman of the Supervisory Board; Michael Laurim, managing director of Silicon Graphics in Germany; and Peter Mark Droste, Managing Director of Compaq in Germany.

Commenting on SuSE's choice of new supervisory board members, Roland Dyroff, chief executive officer of SuSE Linux said: "Heinrich Rodewig is an experienced international legal expert and the perfect fit as chairman of the supervisory board. With company executives Michael Laurim and Peter Mark Droste, we succeeded in gaining two leaders of the German IT sector, further emphasising the growing importance of Linux and our business model based on the open source philosophy. The appointment of Laurim and Droste is the result of our mutually beneficial partnerships with SGI and Compaq."

Silicon Graphics and Compaq are newcomers to the ranks of SuSE's strategic investors. "The clear commitment of Compaq and SGI in Linux has led to a know-how transfer from which all involved parties benefited," said Dyroff.

Johannes Nussbickel, chief financial officer at SuSE Linux said: "The new members enhance the supervisory board of SuSE Linux with their extensive IT know-how and comprehensive legal competency. This will contribute considerably to an increase in company value."

Heinrich Rodewig the new chairman of the supervisory board said: "SuSE Linux AG has played a major role in the development of the European Linux market," SuSE's professional and highly motivated management team and staff have provided an essential contribution in this respect. With my extensive professional experience in large and medium-scale companies, I am pleased to assist in the further development of SuSE Linux."

More support for North Wales

Paul Kersey-Smith has formed a new Linux based support company North Wales Linux Services.

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Details from www.northwaleslinux.co.uk



Argus Systems Group Announces Additional Linux Support.

Argus Systems Group, Inc., announced the availability of its PitBull intrusion prevention security technology on additional versions of Linux. PitBull LX is will be available on Red Hat 7.0 and SuSe 7.1. PitBull LX for Linux is designed to protect web-facing servers from malicious attack to alter data and web pages, steal proprietary information or monetary assets, violate consumer privacy protections, launch denial of service attacks, and otherwise tamper with system and data resources.

Simple to install, PitBull LX supports a totally revamped, completely intuitive security policy. Security administration has been greatly simplified and is totally non-intrusive.

PitBull LX for Red Hat 6.2 is available now free of charge for a 60-day evaluation period from the Argus website. Intrusion prevention systems based on operating system-level security like PitBull LX are increasingly recognised as mandatory elements of secure and responsible e-business systems by leading experts such as the US National Security Agency, the Gartner Group, and other independent industry analysts.

Randy Sandone, president and CEO of Argus Systems Group, Inc. said "PitBull LX for Linux will allow Linux into security-sensitive, mission-critical environments, extending the open source economics into these environments."