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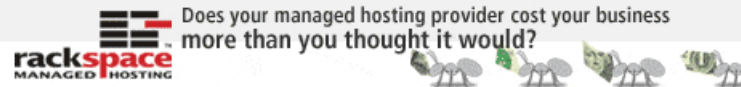
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Novell joins OSDL

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Novell Joins OSDL -Strengthens Broad Commitment to Linux; Novell's 20 Years Experience as a Global Enterprise Operating System Vendor Bolsters Initiatives at Leading Linux Advocacy Consortium

BEAVERTON, Ore. and PROVO, Utah, Dec. 9 - The Open Source Development Labs (OSDL), a global consortium of customers and leading technology companies dedicated to accelerating the adoption of Linux, today announced that Novell has joined OSDL and will participate in the Lab's key initiatives to advance the use of Linux for enterprise computing.

In addition, Jeffrey T. Hawkins, VP, Office of the CTO at Novell, has been elected to OSDL's board of directors.

"The Linux industry is rapidly accelerating with the promise to give customers lower computing costs with greater freedom and control," said Chris Stone, Novell vice chairman - Office of the CEO. "By joining forces with OSDL, Novell aims to take a leadership role in helping the industry overcome the many challenges that still exist to help Linux fulfill its promise as an end-to-end enterprise computing platform."

Novell will participate in a number of OSDL initiatives including the Data Center Linux (DCL) working group. This working group is focused on the business-hardening of Linux for use in the Data Center. In addition, Novell joins a growing number of OSDL members interested in creating a working group initiative for Linux on the desktop.

"Novell's unique perspective on global enterprise computing software is a welcome addition to OSDL," said Stuart Cohen, OSDL CEO. "We expect Novell to be a significant contributor to virtually all of our industry initiatives, as well as to the overall mission of the Lab."

Novell has quickly seized a leadership role in offering Linux-based solutions to its customers around the world. Last month, Novell announced it had entered into an agreement to acquire SUSE LINUX, one of the world's leading enterprise Linux companies, expanding Novell's ability to provide enterprise-class services and support on the Linux platform.

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