Is Your Enterprise Ready for Open Source?
Open Source is Ready for Your Enterprise.

Many forward-thinking organizations are leveraging open source (OS) solutions and seeing the benefits today. Open source software solutions and services have evolved to a point where they meet, and often exceed, the demanding requirements of industry-leading enterprises. Most of these organizations are adopting open source in a blended environment, where open source is mixed with proprietary technologies. Is open source in your mix?

The TAOSE Forum Series will help you develop a strategy for adoption

Join us for a lively and objective series of seminars, case studies, discussions and networking to help you develop the best strategy to leverage the power of open source in your enterprise and connect with the resources you will need to make it happen.

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#2: Open Source Operating Systems April 27, 2007	$129/session	$99/session
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1/2-day Session Agenda *(for each of four sessions):*
The forum series are held on Friday aft. from 11:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

11:45 a.m.	Registration & Buffet Lunch Opens
12:00 p.m.	TAOSE OS Topic Introduction
12:30 p.m.	Topic Presentation & Case Study
1:45 p.m.	Counterpoint & Challenges
2:15 p.m.	Break
2:30 p.m.	In-depth Issues
3:15 p.m.	Forum on Adoption
4:15 p.m.	Social Hour

Register for the TAOSE Forum Series

The TAOSE Forum Series is a four-part series of presentations and discussions to facilitate the adoption of open source solutions in the enterprise.

The TAOSE Forum Series features industry experts addressing key issues on how organizations can make open source productive immediately. Each half-day seminar will feature a general state-of-the market introduction, a business case study on how to achieve ROI, a presentation of available open source solutions and an in-depth open discussion on key issues – plus networking opportunities.

Who should attend

Whether you are a C-Level Executive or IS Leader responsible for mapping your organizations IT strategy, TAOSE Forum Series will provide you with information, technical resources and networking opportunities you need to take advantage of the benefits inherent in open source use. If you are currently using open source, actively considering or just getting familiar, the TAOSE Forum Series will give you valuable insights and resources for strategy and action.

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Open Source Technology Alliance

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redhat

MySQL

#1 – Making Open Source into a Supported Product – Intro to the Certified Stack Concept

TOPIC: Introduction to the range of open source (OS) solutions and the "certified stack" concept – plus OS support: what to look for and where to find it

BUSINESS CASE: Successful use of a complete certified stack solution

PRODUCT: Unisys OASIS

The "certified stack" concept provides assurances of interoperability, integration, security and support to enable OS to operate in a blended (proprietary and open source) software environment.

Certified Stack providers offer:

• Support for complete suites of software components tested for enterprise usage and lifecycle management

• Consulting services for architecting, implementing and building out your open source solution

• Technical services to tune, analyze and ensure the smooth operation of your software

• Managed services for outsourcing your processing, asset management and security

• Security services to ensure that your open source environment is protected

This session features a presentation from Unisys on the Certified Stack concept, a case study and an overview of the Unisys Certified Stack offering

#2 – Open Source Operating Systems

TOPIC: Using an open source operating system

BUSINESS CASE: ROI for an open source operating system

PRODUCT: Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)

Linux is about more than an operating system. It's about applications and databases that run on Linux. It's about technical support. It's about consulting expertise. It's about training. And most importantly, it's about you. How will Linux help you run your business better. Here are some things to consider about Linux adoption:
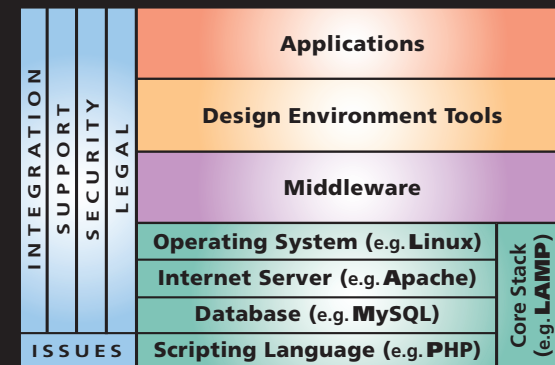
• If you're going to implement Linux, you need a vendor who understands your entire business– from IT architecture to the industry-specific challenges you face every day

• Linux for your entire enterprise. You need a flexible IT architecture that spans from the desktop to the data center

• Linux is secure. Companies around the globe trust their mission-critical data to Red Hat, SUSE and other Enterprise Linux Distributions

They can do this because Linux Distributions have achieved the highest levels of security and operations certifications ever achieved in the Linux market.

This session features a presentation from Red Hat on the Linux operating system, a case study and an overview of the Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) offering.

Open Source Stack

I N T E G R A T I O N	S U P P O R T	S E C U R I T Y	L E G A L	**Applications**	
				Design Environment Tools	
				Middleware	
				Operating System (e.g. **Linux**)	Core Stack (e.g. **LAMP**)
				Internet Server (e.g. **Apache**)	
				Database (e.g. **MySQL**)	
I S S U E S				Scripting Language (e.g. **PHP**)	

#3 – Open Source Databases

TOPIC: Is an open source database right for your organization? Where to find support

BUSINESS CASE: Success story with an open source database

PRODUCT: MySQL Database and Support Services

For years, proprietary database companies have been adding new features that are seldom, if ever, used. What's worse, the continued addition of unnecessary features has resulted in overly complicated systems that are slower, more resource-intensive, harder to maintain and more prone to failure.

Some applications have high functionality requirements where Oracle, IBM DB2 or Microsoft SQL Server is appropriate. However, for many applications, MySQL, PostgreSQL and other open source databases offer lower expenses paired with faster, more reliable performance - even at very high levels of users and transactions.

This session features a presentation from MySQL on open source databases, a case study and an overview of the MySQL database.

#4 – Open Source Middleware

TOPIC: Open source middleware

BUSINESS CASE: Successful open source middleware implementation

PRODUCT: JBoss Enterprise Middleware Suite

Over the decade, open source technologies have made a tremendous impact on software, affecting each of its many layers. From operating systems to databases to applications,open source has created a shift in momentum, affecting organizations worldwide, including proprietary software vendors. While technologies like Linux and MySQL and Postgre SQL on the OS/database side and SugarCRM, Alfresco Enterprise Content Management, and others on the application side are crucial to the success of applications, the middleware layer plays an extremely important role as well.

A host of enterprise-ready open source technologies are available for the middleware layer-the layer between the operating system/database and the application itself.

This session features a presentation from JBoss on open source middleware, a case study and an overview of the JBoss middleware offering.

Open Source Offers Many Benefits

CONTROL – Reduces or eliminates platform lock-in

FLEXIBILITY – Open standards enable integration options (with OS and proprietary technology)

FUNCTIONALITY – Additional value through innovative, user-defined enhancements – not just mimicked proprietary software code

COST SAVINGS – No license fees; portfolio of pre-developed applications; lower cost hardware, support and services

SPEED – Start from pre-developed applications, address issues immediately, tap into a passionate and responsive support community

SECURITY – Access to the source code allows you to check for bugs and spyware , a large OS community identifies and fixes bugs and address security issues

QUALITY – Peer review, transparent issue tracking, widespread usability review, OS community identifies and fixes problems, evolved standards

TRAINED RESOURCES – A rapidly growing workforce and commercial service companies provide support to complement your team and provide accountability

DOCUMENTATION AND PACKAGING – Enables self-service implementation and provides interoperability assurances

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