

# Oracle Ubuntu Linux deal speculation grows

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Some analysts say Oracle is going to announce a move to offer its own Linux product based on the Ubuntu distro, others say that it will announce an alliance with Red Hat, and still others say it will make no announcement at all.

All of the speculation is based on the musings of Oracle founder Larry Ellison back in April when he said words to the effect that he would like Oracle to own the entire software stack.

In an interview with CNET News, Mark Shuttleworth, founder and CEO of Ubuntu Linux developer Canonical, would not comment on the question of whether an Ubuntu Linux partnership with Oracle is in the pipeline.

What is one to make of a "no comment" answer to a direct question?

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