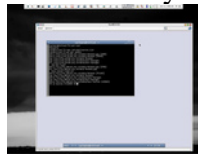


# Euro firms cool on Vista and Linux

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European businesses are only considering migrating to Linux when they decide to deploy new applications, but most currently have no intention of moving to Windows Vista either, according to a survey released this week.

The State of Enterprise Infrastructure in Europe 2006, published by Forrester Research, found little enthusiasm for simply moving an existing IT system over to a Linux platform. It also suggests that virtualisation is starting to take off despite a lack of awareness among smaller companies.

"Moving existing applications from either Unix or Windows to Linux is unimportant to more than two-thirds of the respondents, confirming that interest in Linux is more often linked to deployment of new applications [as planned by 12 percent of respondents]," the report reveals, while noting that 54 percent of firms had "no plans at this stage" to move to Windows Vista, Microsoft's upcoming operating system (OS).

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