

# SCALE Readies 'Non-Commercial' Open Source Conference

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Despite the proliferation of LinuxWorld and other commercial open source shows, several regional Linux organizations continue to hold their own conferences and expos. Right now, for example, a group of open sourcers in California is readying SCALE (Southern California Linux Expo) 5x, an event slated to take place in Los Angeles on February 9 to 11 of next year.

Although the five-year-old conference focuses mainly on Linux, participation isn't limited just to the Linux community, said Orv Beach, a member of the dot org's public relations committee, in an interview with LinuxPlanet.

Instead, all organizations and individuals interested in open source are welcome. For instance, non-Linux participants in SCALE 5x will include NetBSD, Gentoo, ReactOS, and Haiku, described by Beach as "an open source clone" of BeOS.

"We want people to know that there are alternatives to Microsoft. It's all about choice," according to Beach.

With SCALE 5x now more than three months away, people are still responding to the call for papers, which is posted as a PDF document on the Web.

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