

# IBM furthers Linux While Gates Signs Contract

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IBM may be committed to furthering it's involvement with Linux, first with it's [announcement](#) [3] a few days ago of significant investment, and today amidst accusations from M\$ that it's all talk, they [state](#) [4] they currently employ approximately 8 to 9000 developers to work directly on open source projects.

Although they [plan](#) [5] on concentrating much of said investment into it's server-managed client approach, M\$ seems to be fairing okay. Despite the Beijing council's new procurement rules, they have [made](#) [6] a substantial purchase of Microsoft software. It's gonna be a long tough road ahead to break their monopoly.

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