

ICE, Microsoft and Windows

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Come Monday, Crist reversed course.

In a new blog post, Crist said that Chef won't renew contracts with ICE and the US Customs and Border Protection when they expire next year, and that the company will donate this year's revenue from the contracts to charities that help families affected by the agencies' family separation and detention policies. The ICE contract was valued at \$95,500 for an 11-month period through August 2020. Chef declined to comment on the value of the CBP contract.

- [Coder deletes open source add-on for Chef in protest over ICE contract](#) [3]

On September 17, Seth Vargo—a former employee of Chef, the software deployment automation company—found out via a tweet that Chef licenses had been sold to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) under a \$95,500, one-year contract through the approved contractor C&C International Computers & Consultants. In protest, Vargo decided to "archive" the GitHub repository for two open source Chef add-ons he had developed in the Ruby programming language. On his GitHub repository page, Vargo wrote, "I have a moral and ethical obligation to prevent my source from being used for evil."

That move, according to an all-hands email sent out by Chef CEO Barry Crist—later published on the company's website—"impact[ed] production systems for a number of our customers.

Our entire team has worked to minimize customer downtime and will continue to do so until we restore services to 100% operation."

- [KDE Connect on Windows - Sneak a peak](#) [4]

Linux, Windows, what. More like awesome Linux software on Windows, what. Behold a review of KDE Connect for Windows, including setup and configuration of the nightly build, functionality and associated glitches, usage testing with SMS, file sharing and music playback, some other observations, and more. Enjoy.

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