

# Japanese schools may convert aging computers to Linux

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A recent article in OhMyNews.com discusses the results of a conference in Tokyo at which educators recommended converting aging computers running Windows 98 and ME to Linux. About 400,000 such machines exist in Japan's public schools and either can't run more up-to-date operating systems or the cost of upgrade is prohibitive.

Enthusiasm for the initiative has built after a successful trial of Linux with about 1000 students began in 2004. Under consideration are an education-centered distro of Knoppix, Debian, and TurboLinux, all of which can run with minimal system requirements.

The article highlights several similar initiatives internationally:

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