

What does the Linux desktop really need?

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Once again, the Linux Foundation Desktop Linux (DTL) workgroup is polling users to find out what desktop Linux really needs. While the foundation folks conduct the poll, let me share my top three priorities for the Linux desktop in 2008: Applications, multimedia, and polish.

Applications

On the one hand, you can easily argue that Linux doesn't lack for applications -- and, to a certain extent, that's true. Scour Freshmeat for a few minutes, and you'll find a gazillion and one apps for Linux. Many of which are useful, actively maintained, and at a point in development where they're ready for production use.

But, the question is whether users can find the applications that they need to do their job. In some cases, Linux apps just aren't up to the task just yet.

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