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Sales of servers grew by 5.6 per cent in the most recent quarter to \$12.2bn, according to a new study from analyst firm IDC. This marked a ninth consecutive quarter growth for the server market.

Server sales for all operating systems increased. Linux systems lead the pack with 45.1 per cent revenue growth, although its 11.5 per cent share of the overall market remains small relative to Windows and Unix systems.

Windows grew 14.3 per cent, claiming 33.5 per cent of all server sales. Unix remained king with 35.2 per cent share, despite an only meagre sales increase of 2.5 per cent.

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