

Thoughts about OpenSuSE

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I caught up with Greg Mancusi-Ungaro, Director of Marketing, Linux and Open Source, at Novell, to ask for more details. Mancusi-Ungaro is the point person for the press on the openSUSE project. The openSUSE initiative was announced a month ago at LinuxWorld, and the response so far seems healthy. They have over 4,000 registered participants, and have received hundreds of high-quality bug reports on four pre-release versions.

According to Mancusi-Ungaro, the pace of development has increased with the opening of the development process to the community. SUSE has always maintained a rapid release schedule, and now many more people are reviewing, commenting, and contributing to the code. I would expect this to be the case.

When asked why Novell made the decision to open the development process, Mancusi-Ungaro claims that it's been in the works for a while.

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