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The new book, *The Developer Shortcut Guide to SUSE Linux* was written for developers who want to learn the quickest ways to write customized open source business applications. But the book's author, John Featherly, has insights into more than just the developer side of things.

SearchEnterpriseLinux.com caught up with Featherly to talk about his new book and to get his thoughts on where Linux and the open source applications market is heading. The author also offered tips for SUSE administrators and developers, those comparing KDE and GNOME, and those mulling the deployment of JBoss with SUSE.

Featherly, who in addition to being a writer is currently a consultant with HP Services and Consulting Integration Group, is a 20-year veteran of the IT industry.

**Linux companies like Novell seem careful not to get ahead of demand for Linux on the desktop. How big is the demand for desktop Linux in your opinion? Where does its demand exist? Do you see that demand growing, shrinking or staying the same over time?**

**John Featherly:** I expect the demand to grow...

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