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Did you know that the OLPC project is the largest single "customer" of Fedora in the entire world?

The rumours of OLPC's death have been greatly exaggerated. Despite some unfortunate statements by the project's erstwhile CEO, the OLPC project is still **extremely** focused on succeeding in its noble goal -- the education of the world's children -- with the use of free software as the central component of their software strategy. And they are, in fact, succeeding, even though the open source community has largely turned its collective back on that success. Which is, I think, a shame.

Let me share some numbers with you. They might surprise you. I know they surprised me when I heard them a few weeks ago at FUDCon.

OLPC has shipped over 300,000 units to kids around the world. They plan to ship at least another 50,000 more each month, and very likely more than that. It's entirely possible that by the end of 2008, there will be a million OLPC systems deployed worldwide.

Of those systems, 100% of them currently run Fedora, and 0% of them currently run Windows -- despite the press clippings you may have read.

The OLPC project is based on Fedora.

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