

SAP Slams Open Source, Oracle

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Open source will fail to deliver innovation and is more likely to break applications, said SAP executive Shai Agassi, president of the company's product and technology group.

"We all talk about how great Linux is," Agassi said at a speaking engagement at the Churchill Club in Silicon Valley. "But if you look at what the most innovative desktop is today, Vista is not copying Linux, they are copying Apple. "

He likened open source to the early days of enterprise applications, when organizations went into the software and created many customizations and changes. Then when an upgrade would be released, those changes would prevent users to switch to the new application because the software would stop working.

"Open source is great for debugging, but it's crucial not to touch [the code]."

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