

IT managers lagging on OSS procurement

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IT managers must work quickly to develop procurement policies for open source products as they become an increasingly central element of enterprise infrastructure systems.

Only around five percent of large IT organisations currently have fully developed open source procurement policies, Gartner analyst Brian Prentice said in a session at the research firm's IT Symposium in Sydney. By 2010, he expects that number to rise to 74 percent.

"It's not about if you're dealing with open source; it's about when you're going to deal with open source, if you're not already doing it again," he said. "Over the next four years, the realisation that this stuff has value and has a place is going to be there."

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