

Open-source PCs take a passage to India

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The Indian government has struck a deal with a number of PC vendors to pre-install open-source software on computers sold in the country.

This move follows an Indian government initiative to distribute free CDs containing localized versions of popular open-source desktop applications.

RKVS Raman, a researcher at the Center for Development of Advanced Computing, an organization involved in the production of the free CDs, said Tuesday that a number of vendors, including HCL Technologies, Acer, Zenith and Sahara, will start selling computers pre-installed with localized open-source software starting in December.

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