

The penguin's not really coming

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The use of Linux and other open source software in Australia and New Zealand is miles behind North America, according to tech research company Forrester.

"The survey showed that Linux and open source software use in Australia and New Zealand is approximately three times lower than North American adoption, with 77 per cent of Australasian firms having no plans to adopt Linux over the next 12 months," Higgins said.

Figures for Linux indicated that all industries surveyed had adopted the platform to some extent. The public sector was way ahead of the rest while the finance and insurance sectors had a slightly lower rate.

Apart from the public sector, software such as Apache, JBoss and MySQL found very little take-up, Forrester said.

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