

# Russian Government Computers to Get Linux-Based Operating System

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The government is hoping to launch the first version of a "national operating system" for its computers as early as next year, a senior Communications and Press Ministry official said Thursday.

The operating system, for use on the computer systems of government agencies and state-run companies, will be 90 percent based on the open-source Linux operating system, Deputy Communications and Press Minister Ilya Massukh said.

[He said use of the operating system would be optional for all agencies.](#) [2]

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