

Q&A With Linux Foundation's Jim Zemlin, Part 2

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Where is Linux going? For Part 2 of this interview, LinuxInsider continued speaking with Linux Foundation Executive Director Jim Zemlin to discuss Linux in a wider variety of technology, new programs intended to make it easier for businesses to switch to open source computing, and open source's ability to compete in the consumer mobile space.

LinuxInsider: During your speech at the Open Source Business Conference, you said that one of the reasons Linux is growing is that it saves money. But from your examples -- companies that make and sell products such as Samsung, LG and Sony (NYSE: SNE), and your mentioning the ability to monetize product in ever-decreasing time spans -- you're talking about manufacturers and high-tech businesses. What about non-high-tech businesses, like medical devices, for instance? Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL) is pushing hard there with the iPad.

Jim Zemlin: In general, Linux has the No. 1 market share in the embedded systems world, whether it's MRI scanners or any other type of high-end medical device.

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