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Here in the world of technology, there's no denying that developers of even the most creative new products and ideas "stand on the shoulders of giants," just as innovators in most other realms do too.

New ideas inspire more new ideas over time, after all, so it's not surprising to see myriad commonalities and linkages among them.

Lately, however, that notion is being examined a little more closely than usual in light of recent revelations about Microsoft's (Nasdaq: MSFT) forthcoming Windows 8 and -- in particular -- how much it has in common with Linux.

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