

Open source validated long before Red Hat's milestone

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I am probably one of the least excited people in the open source community about Red Hat's surpassing of the \$1 billion revenue milestone yesterday.

It's not that it's sour grapes or anything? for me, the sense that Red Hat would make this milestone was a bit inevitable, and I never really saw any real chance that they would fail to make this goal. Seriously, it would have taken a disaster to stop Red Hat's strong growth.

While I can see the value of celebrating milestones like these, I really wonder if this whole notion of basking in the reflected glory of Red hat as proof that an open source based company can Make It Big is a good idea.

"This billion dollar milestone is not only a win for Red Hat--it is a victory for open source advocates everywhere," wrote CEO Jim Whitehurst today on Open Source.com.

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