

openSUSE to support secure boot in next release

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The latest release of openSUSE, 12.2, which became available last week, does not have support for secure boot, Vojtech Pavlik, director of SUSE Labs and head of kernel development at SUSE, told iTWire today.

However, it does have support for the Unified Extensible Firmware Interface, or UEFI, he added.

Secure boot is one feature of UEFI that Microsoft has chosen to implement for Windows 8 which is being released on October 26. This will mean that cryptographic keys are used to recognise the authenticity of the system that attempts to boot up.

Microsoft's move has forced GNU/Linux distributions to devise means whereby PCs certified for Windows 8 can also boot Linux.

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