

Apple's poisonous Touch silently kills the GNOMEs of Linux Forest

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If a major Linux desktop falls in the forest and no one is around to use it, does it make a sound?

That's a question the GNOME project would do well to contemplate. The once mighty Linux desktop has stumbled and looks like it might be poised to come crashing down after the release of GNOME 3.

Here's the problem: the radical rewrite that is the GNOME 3 desktop seems to have pleased almost no one.

It isn't just unhappy users that are leaving; developers are leaving too. GNOME developer Benjamin Otte wrote a blog post entitled *Staring into the Abyss*, noting that "core developers are leaving GNOME development" and that the project "is understaffed," "has no goals" and is "losing market and mindshare."

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