

# Reality Check: OpenStack is Not the Next Linux

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Linux is wildly successful, free and open source software and represents the future of operating systems.

OpenStack is wildly successful, free and open source software and represents the future of cloud computing.

Therefore, OpenStack is like Linux.

As much as it would be nice to wrap up the OpenStack cloud computing platform in a neat little bow and offer it up to the great gods of allegory, there are key differences in the basic origin stories of OpenStack and Linux that make the comparison a little strained.

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