

# Novell brands its own open-source religion

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Novell is readying two major product launches meant to make its open-source software more palatable to corporate customers.

Later this month, Novell will officially unveil Bandit, an open-source identity management project that was quietly started earlier this year, chief technology officer Jeff Jaffe told CNET News.com.

Then in July, Novell will ship a major upgrade to its Linux desktop suite, called Suse Linux Enterprise Desktop 10, Jaffe said.

The initiatives, along with enhancements to Novell's Linux server operating system, are meant to ramp up Novell's revenue from open-source software and position the company as an alternative to Microsoft.

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