

Linux Foundation Commits Suicide as Microsoft E.E.E. Takes a Leap Forward

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I have covered Microsoft's interference with FOSS for over a decade and carefully studied even pertinent antitrust documents. I know the company's way of thinking when it comes to undermining their competition, based on internal communications and strategy papers. Even days ago we got [this in the news](#) [2].

The pattern of embrace and extend (to extinguish) -- all this while leveraging software patents to make Linux a Microsoft cash cow or compel OEMs to preinstall privacy-hostile Microsoft software/apps with proprietary formats (lockin) -- never ended. What I see in the Linux Foundation right now is what I saw in Nokia 5 years ago and in Novell 10 years ago -- the very thing that motivated me to start *Boycott Novell*, a site that has just turned 10 with nearly 22,000 blog posts.

It is a saddening day because it's a culmination, after years of Microsoft 'micro' payments to the Linux Foundation (e.g. event sponsorship in exchange for keynote positions), which will have Microsoft shoved down the throats of GNU/Linux proponents and give an illusion of peace when there is none, not just on the patent front but also other fronts (see what Microsoft's partner Accenture is doing in Munich right now). The links below are a complete list of the bad (in my view *very* bad) news. [?](#)

"We need to slaughter Novell before they get stronger?.If you?re going to kill someone, there isn?t much reason to get all worked up about it and angry. You just pull the trigger. Any discussions beforehand are a waste of time. We need to smile at Novell while we pull the trigger."

--Jim Allchin, Microsoft's Platform Group Vice President

In the news today:

- [Microsoft Steps Up Its Commitment to Open Source](#) [3]

Today The Linux Foundation is announcing that we've welcomed Microsoft as a Platinum member. I'm honored to join Scott Guthrie, executive VP of Microsoft's Cloud and Enterprise Group, at the Connect(); developer event in New York and expect to be able to talk more in the coming months about how we'll intensify our work together for the benefit of the open source community at large.

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No, this isn't The Onion and it's not April Fool's Day. Microsoft has joined The Linux Foundation.

Microsoft announced that it was joining forces with The Linux Foundation at the Microsoft Connect developer event in New York.

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- [Google signs on to the .NET Foundation as Samsung brings .NET support to Tizen](#) [47]

Microsoft is hosting its annual Connect(); developer event in New York today. With .NET being at the core of many of its efforts, including on the open-source side, it's no surprise that

the event also featured a few .NET-centric announcements...

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