

# Embedded Linux: Coming Soon to a Device Near You

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# Welcome



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# Today's Agenda

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- Embedded Linux: In a Device Near You

 Chris Lanfear

- Linux Adoption Factors

 Bill Weinberg

- Why Device OEMs Look to Linux

# Featured Speakers



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# Poll 1

 Please rank your awareness of Linux as an Embedded operating system:

- Very much aware. Linux has reached it's tipping point and marches forward
- Somewhat aware. I've heard it mentioned several times, or read about several times
- A little aware. I heard it recently or was told by a colleague
- Unaware. You're kidding, right?

# Embedded Linux: In a Device Near You



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# Embedded Linux Overview

- e What it is and how it differs
- e Where it's going
- e Why you should care about it

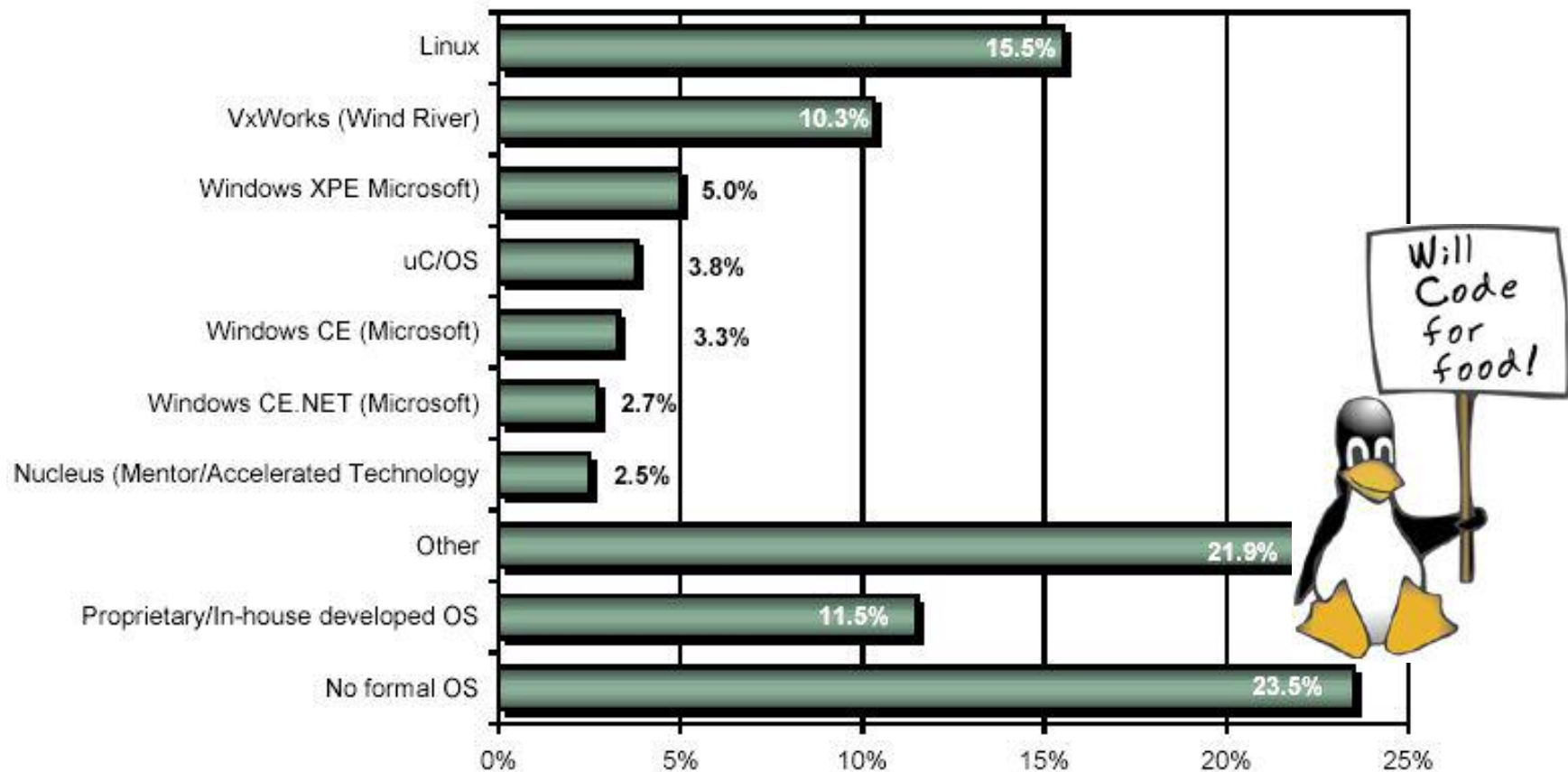
# What is Embedded Linux?

- e Over 90 percent of the microprocessor output of the chip industry is absorbed by embedded applications
- e Every microprocessor needs an OS
- e If it computes but it is not a server, desktop or laptop, it's an embedded application
- e Embedded Linux has been positioned (by our industry) to be the #1 choice in this vast space



# Embedded Linux - #1 Choice

Type of Operating System Used for the Current Project  
Summary of Chart in Volume 1 Report  
(Percent of Respondents, N = 523)



Source: <http://linuxdevices.com/news/NS2744182736.html>

# How Does Embedded Linux Differ from Linux?

- e **It doesn't differ.** Linux at the kernel level is the same in all market spaces
- e Embedded is a vast space – the largest and most complex of all computing markets
- e Many embedded apps require a small or tiny footprint based on cost-sensitive markets, e.g. wireless access points
- e Many others approach enterprise-class architectures, e.g. Combat Information Center on a Naval Destroyer
- e Linux use in embedded devices already exceeds the total # of “seats” in enterprise and desktop/laptop use

# Embedded Linux Devices in Pictures

**Linux is beginning to surround you  
at work and home.**

**It's going everywhere...**

# Cell Phones



**Motorola  
A780**

**Motorola  
E680**



**Samsung  
Mizi**

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# Telematics/Diagnostics

**BMW 7 series**



**Daimler-Chrysler Starscan  
Diagnostics**

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**Volvo  
ITS Mobility**





# Global Positioning Systems (GPS)



**TomTom Go GPS**

**Sony NV-XYZ**



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# Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)

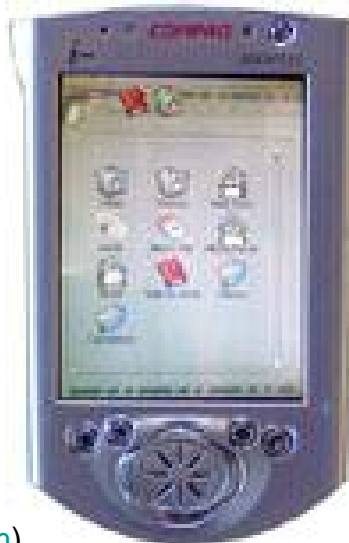


**Sharp SL-C1000**



**Archos PMA400**

**Compaq iPAQ  
(Linux Hack)**



**Zaurus**

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# Smart Camera Systems



**Axis 2120**



**AKCP Camera Probe**



**Sony Video  
Network Station**



**Elphel 300**



# Medical Diagnostics



**BIAC Muscle Stimulator**

**CT Scanner**



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# Networking



**LinkSys WRV-54G**



**Dlink DSL  
G604T**



**Sputnik Wireless  
Network Management**

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# Point of Sale & Human-Machine Interface

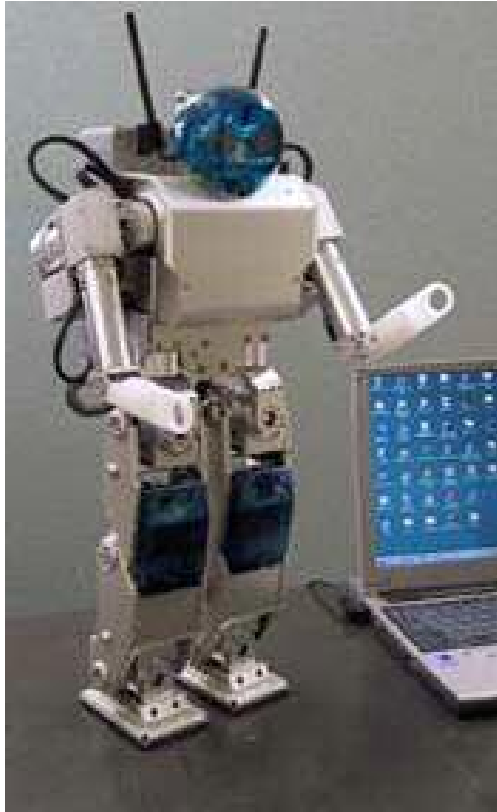


**SicomPOS at  
BurgerKing**

**Eason HMI**



# Robotics



**Fujitsu HOAP**

**Patrolbot**



**Isamu**

**Wakamaru**



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# Consumer Electronics A/V



**Amino AmiNet100**  
**(Surf net on your TV)**



**Philips iPronto**  
**Uber remote!**



**Samsung MiniKet**  
**Diskless camcorder/camera/mp3**

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# Will Embedded Linux Converge with Enterprise and Desktop?

- e **It already does.** “On demand” streaming media, database-connected medical PDA’s for example
- e Linus says, “Watch it flow...”
- e Consumers don’t much care about the OS. They care about functionality.
  - Convergence based on open source concepts
  - Interoperability via Linux stays open
  - They love the new feeling of freedom with products like the Firefox browser-it drives convergence
- e Convergence presents incredible new opportunities to the IT professional, for example...

# Making Customized Devices



**Intermec CK1 Batch  
Data Collection Terminal**

- e Embedded Linux enables more IT value than any other OS...
  - It reduces bill of material costs
  - Encourages differentiation

# Why Should You Care?

- e Computing via embedded devices offers direct connectivity with people who pay the bills – utility companies with smart, wireless meters, for example,
- e Embedded devices directly impact 3rd-world markets, adding vast pools of consumers. In five years, for example, deaths from tsunamis can be eliminated
- e Industries like health care delivery now have a technology solution for rising costs, e.g., the virtual office visit
- e Server – Desktop – Embedded form a triangle of bidirectional services through both ends of the virtual wire. Embedded Linux rocks!



# Embedded Linux: In a Device Near You



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## Poll 2

 Now that you mention it, I plan to take the following actions in my personal life with respect to Embedded Linux:

- I'll only purchase Consumer Electronic products that use it, if an operating system is involved
- I'll make sure that my next CE purchase interoperates with Linux-based devices
- I don't care what operating system is being used. I buy price/functionality for today
- I prefer CE products that run Windows so that they are compatible with my desktop and laptop, even if I have to pay more

# Linux Adoption Factors



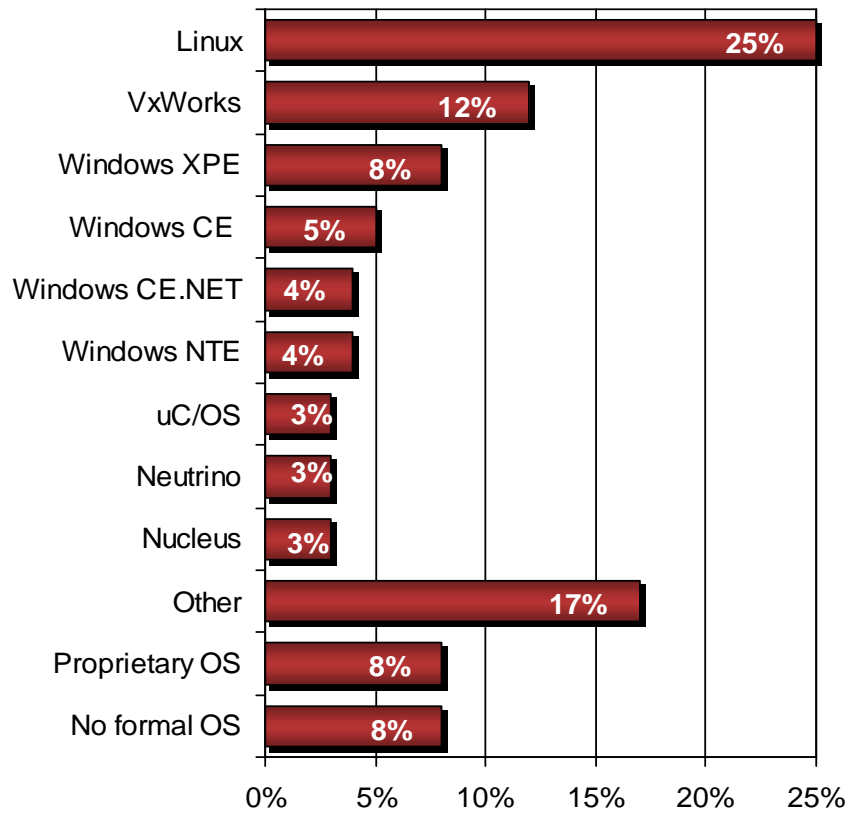
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# Target Embedded OS Developers are Using

## Linux #1

Type of Operating System Used for the Current 32/64 Bit Project



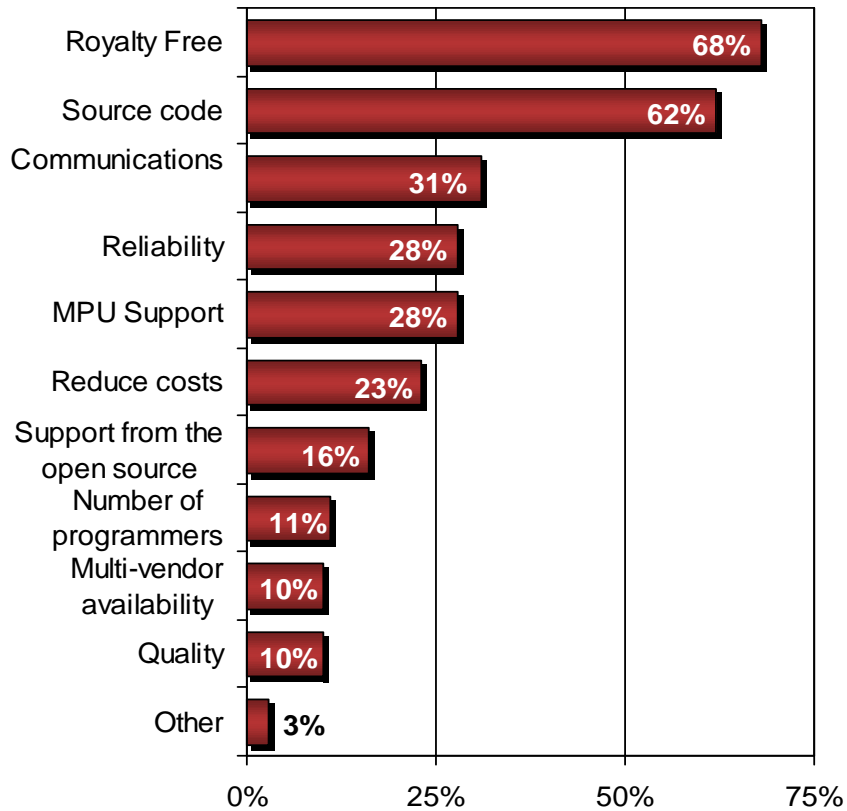
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- e Developers surveyed by VDC indicate that Linux is the top OS for their projects
- e Consistent with other surveys of embedded developers
- e 29% of developers survey that Linux will be the embedded OS in their “next” project - growth continues

# Linux Adoption Factors

Price and technical capabilities are top

**Most Important Reasons for Selecting Linux for Respondents Currently Using**



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e Reasons for use vary

e Price does matter!

- Royalty free, overall cash outlay

e But so do technical issues

- Source code, communications, reliability

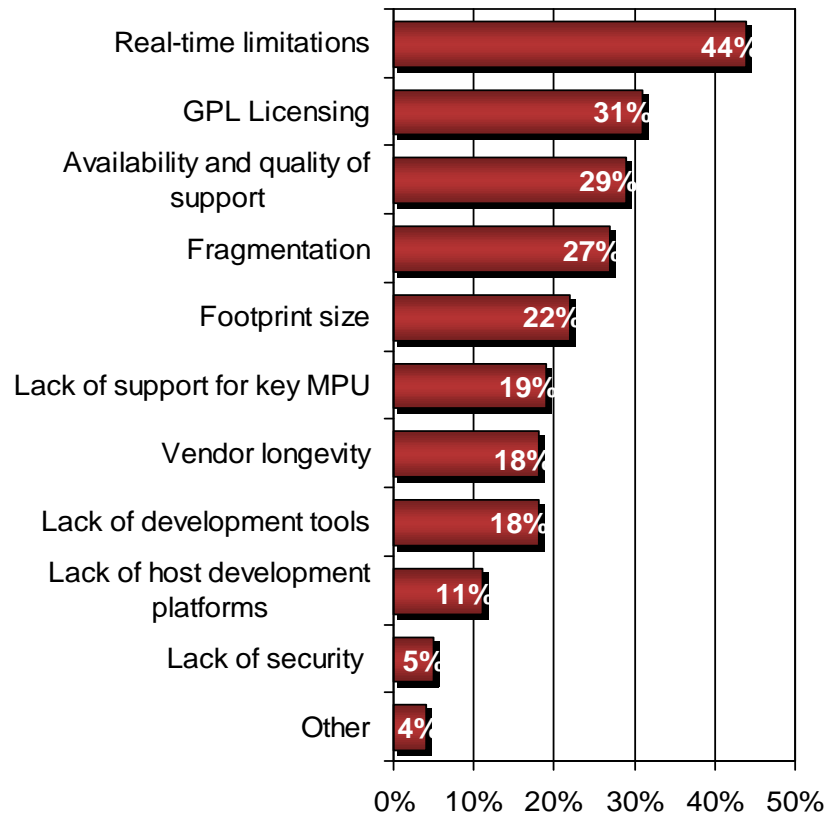
e Flexibility is the key

- Business model, kernel

# Inhibitors to Linux Adoption

Real time is top reason. Is it really that important?

**Most Important Factors Inhibiting Linux Adoption for Respondents Planning to Use Linux**



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e Real time is the Achilles heel

- However not many applications actually have hard real time requirements

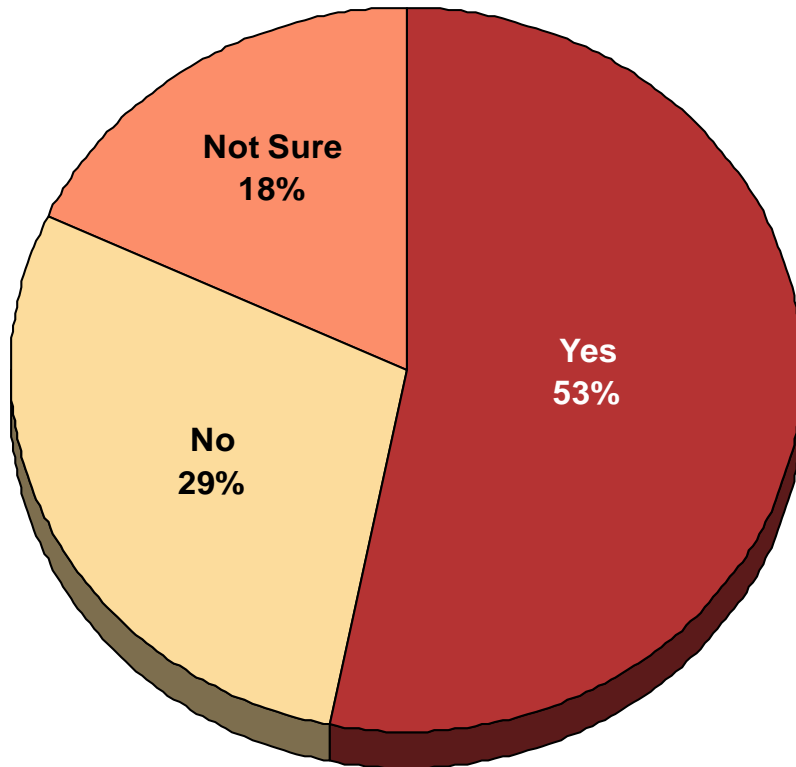
e GPL and IP risk are also important

- Most OEMs evaluate IP risk

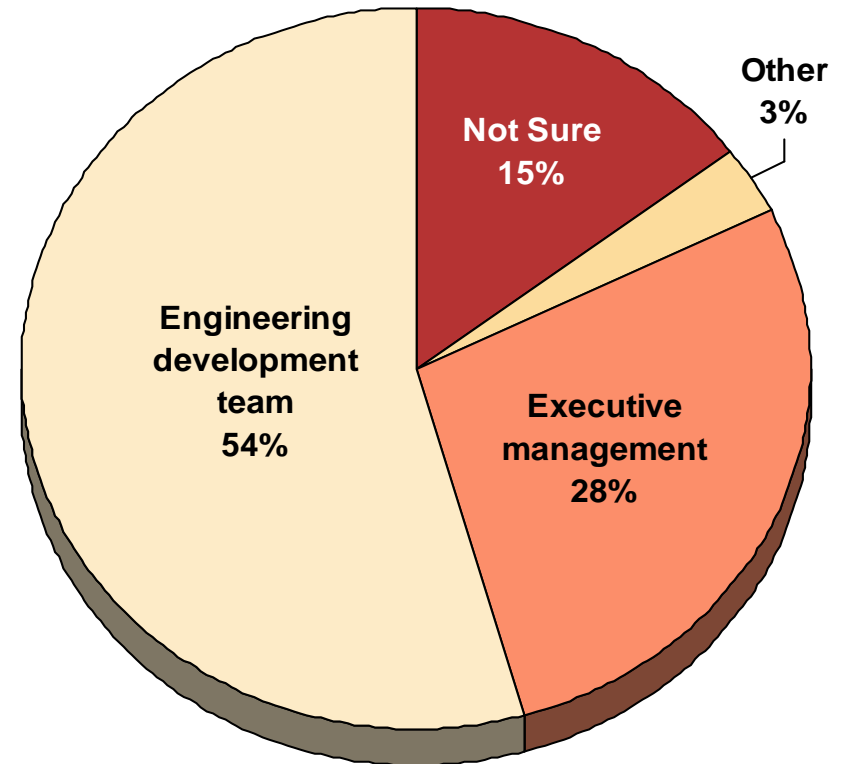
# Intellectual Property Concerns

Despite concerns Linux continues to grow

**Was an Assessment Made Regarding the Potential for Intellectual Property Risk?**



**Primary Responsibility for Linux Risk Assessment**

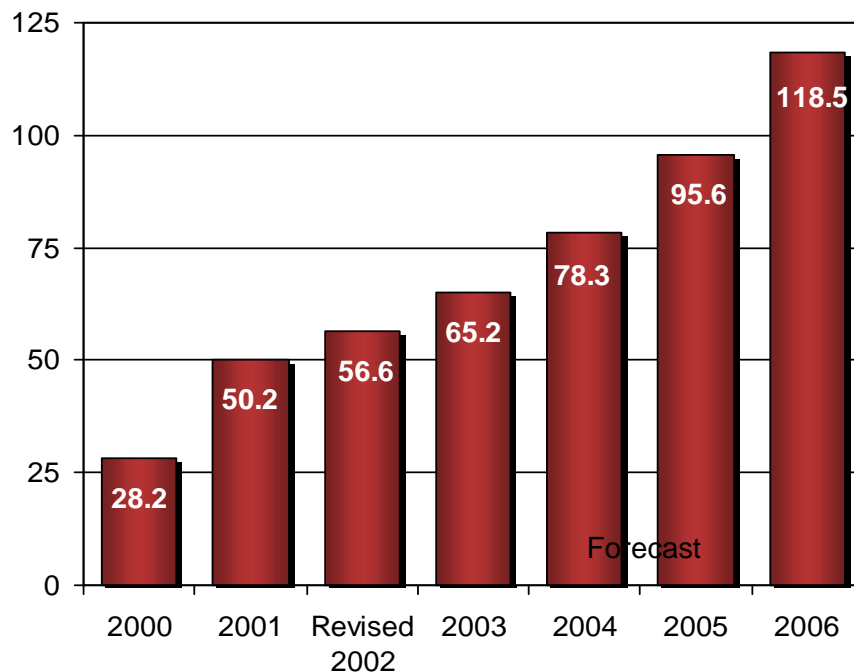


# Steady, Fast Growth For Linux

## Commercial market does not tell the whole story

Worldwide Shipments of Embedded Linux Operating Systems, Add-on Components, and Related Services  
(Millions of Dollars)

2003-2006 CAGR: 22.0%



e Faster than overall embedded OS growth

— Many sources for embedded Linux

- Commercial vendors
- Board vendors
- Kernel.org
- Shrink-wrap

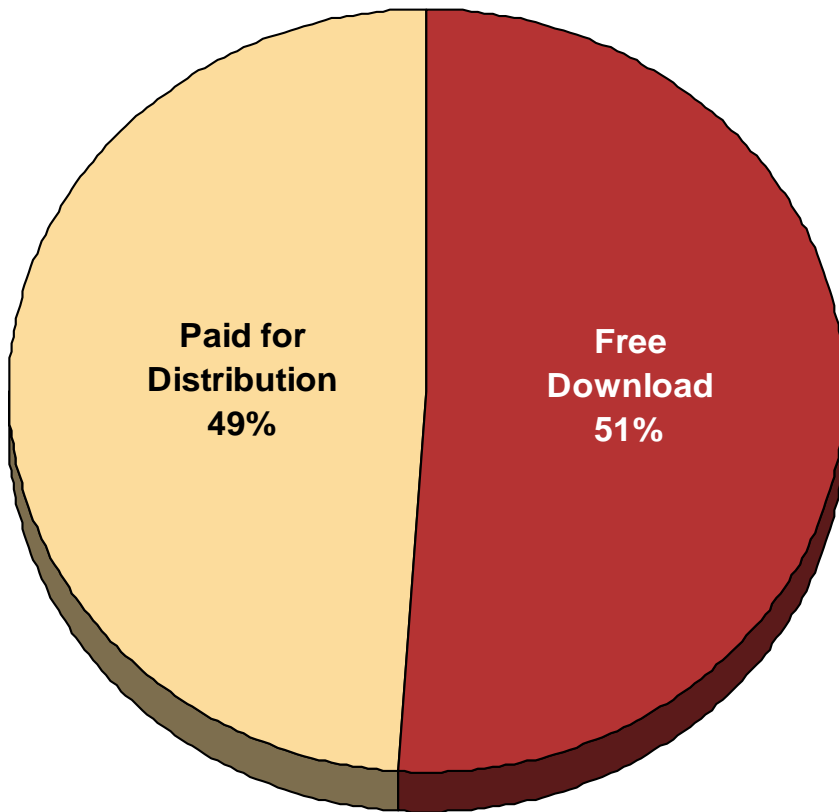
e Huge “dark side” of non-commercial use



# Many Sources for Linux

Slightly more developers are drawn to the “Dark Side”

Linux Distribution Paid For or Downloaded for Free



e Developers look to both commercial and non-commercial sources for their Linux distribution

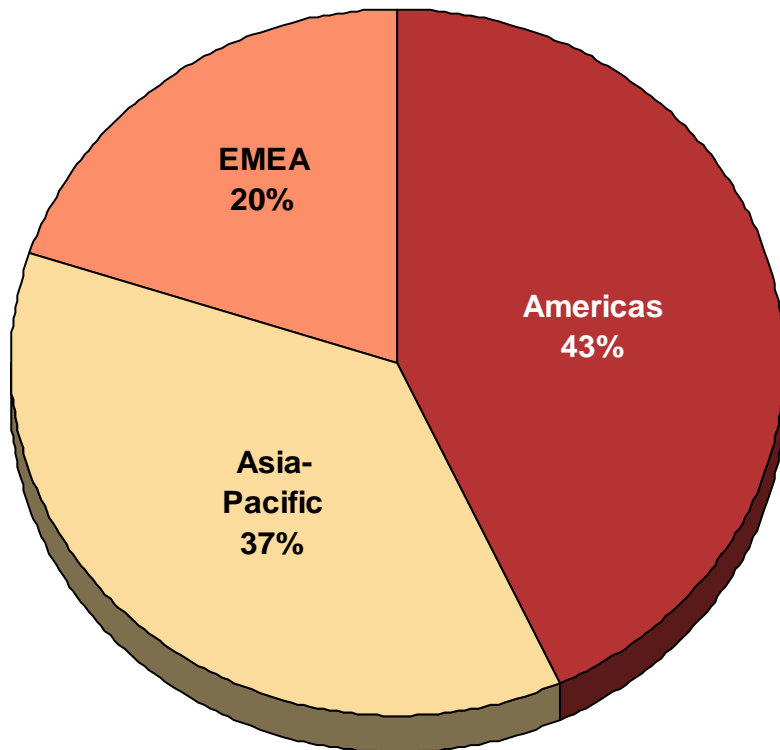
e The question is: Which way will they go in the future?

# Global Linux Adoption

Americas is largest and fastest growing market

Worldwide Shipments of Embedded Linux Operating Systems, Add-on Components, and Related Services  
(Percent of Dollars)

2003 Total: \$65.2 Million



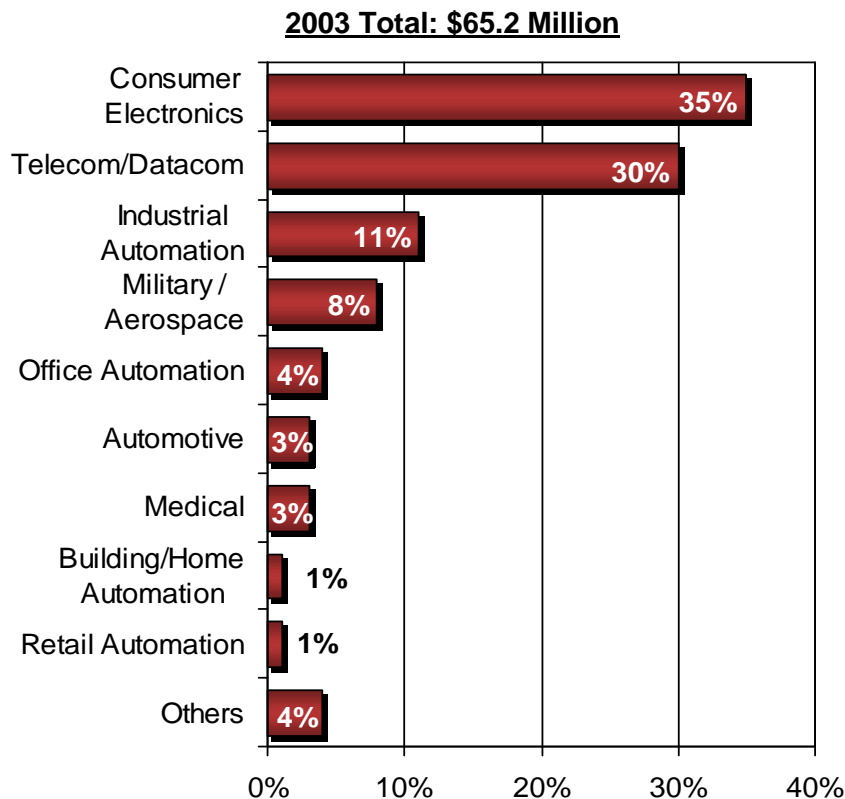
e Relatively even growth across globe

- Americas slightly faster than other regions

# Vertical Markets Adopting Linux

## Consumer electronics is the leading market

**Worldwide Shipments of Embedded Linux Operating Systems, Add-on Components, and Related Services, Segmented by Vertical Market**  
(Percent of Dollars)



e High-volume consumer electronics OEMs look to Linux for both cost savings (no royalties) but also for technical capabilities

e Telecom industry uses Carrier Grade Linux for soft real-time apps. Many dual OS devices (RTOS + Linux)

# Leading Vendors

## MontaVista is leading embedded Linux brand

**Worldwide Shipments of Embedded Linux  
Operating Systems, Add-on Components,  
and Related Services Segmented by  
Leading Vendors  
(Percent of Dollars)  
2003 Total: \$65.2 Million**

MontaVista Software

Metrowerks

TimeSys

Red Hat

Viosoft

LinuxWorks

FSMLabs

ARM

SysGO AG

Lineo Solutions (Japan)

 MontaVista has emerged as the leading embedded Linux vendor

 Metrowerks acquired assets of Linux shooting star Lineo

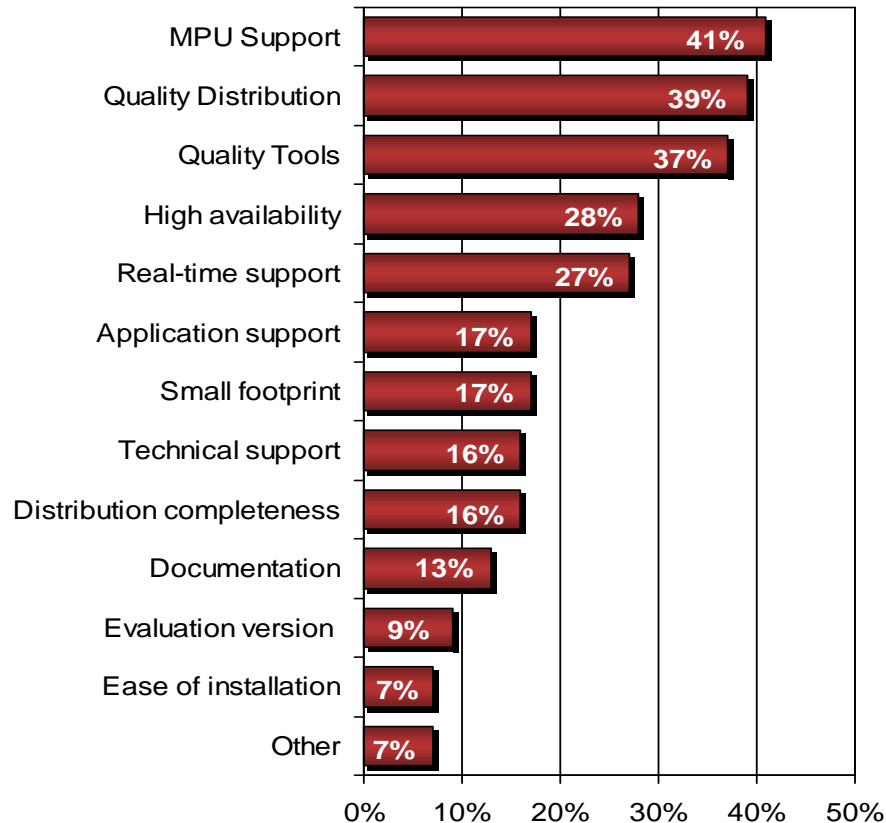
 TimeSys offers distribution and tools

 Redhat restarts Linux efforts with Wind River agreement after decline

# Vendor Selection Criteria

## MPU support and quality

**Most Important Criteria for Selecting Linux Distribution/Vendor**



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e In general processors are selected first in the development processes followed by the OS

e The MPU support is the “ante” into the game for vendors

e Most of the popular 32 bit processors are supported by the leading vendors.


# Linux Adoption Factors



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## Poll 3

 In my mind, the connection between my organization's IT and Embedded Linux is:

- Very strong. We think embedded devices will be connected to our corporate data for bidirectional communications
- Strong. There are some possible applications for connecting embedded devices to our IT
- Moderate to weak. We're not sure about it yet
- No connection at all. It's not likely to happen in our organization

# Why Device OEMs Look to Linux



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# Device OEMs: Why They Look to Linux

- e Platform consolidation
  - Strategic hardware and software platform
- e Reduced bill of material costs
- e Native platform for value-added services
- e Synergy with deployment infrastructure

# Platform Consolidation

- e For historical reasons, device OEMs support diverse, multi-tier product platforms
  - Entry-level, superior and deluxe product versions
  - Products developed by different subsidiaries or acquisitions
  - Legacy, current and next-generation development efforts
  
- e Heterogeneous h/w and s/w raise costs
  - Multiple suppliers at lower volume/price points
  - Need to maintain separate teams for each platform type
    - Higher training, development and maintenance costs

# Consolidating Product Tiers and Technologies

## High End

- Open High Level OS
- Open Environment
- Multimedia Enhanced
- High Performance Java



## Middle Tier

- High-level OS
- Open Applications Environment
- Simple Multimedia
- Java Enabled



## Low End

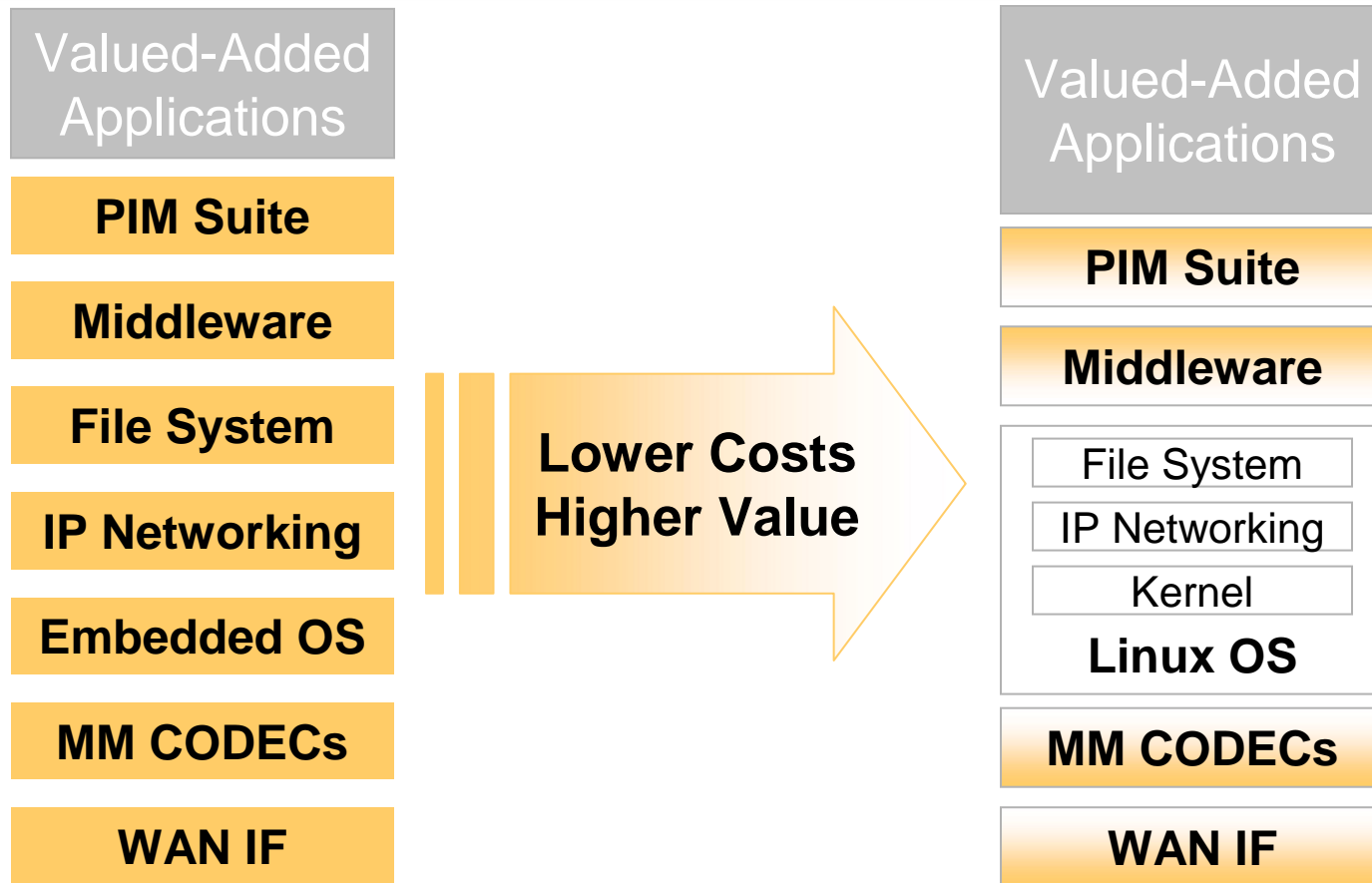
- Proprietary OS
- Closed application
- Basic Functionality



## Unified Platform

- Linux at all tiers
- H/W and S/W MM Implementations
- More features enabled at higher product tiers

# Optimizing the Bill of Materials



**Proprietary  
Royalty-Bearing**

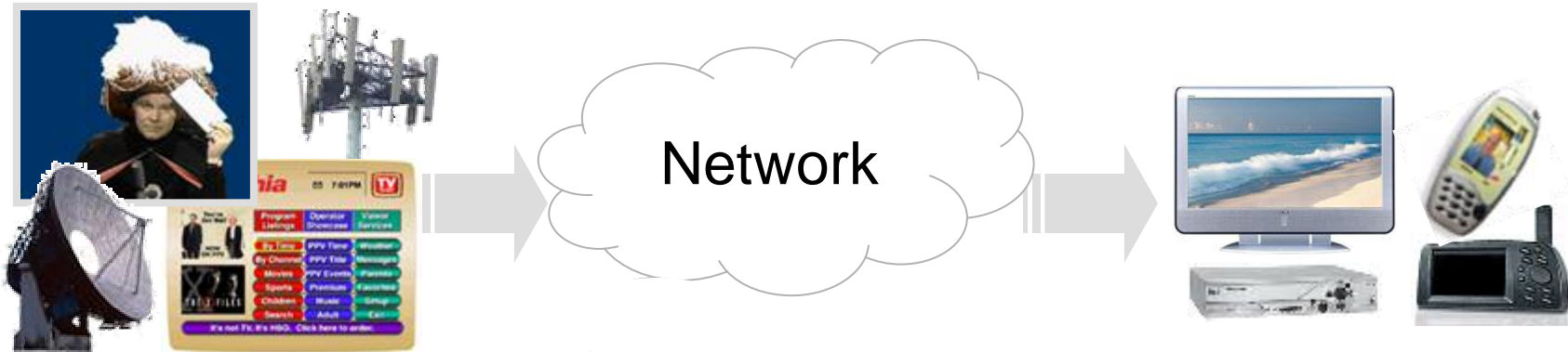
**Either OSS  
or Mixed**

**Royalty-Free  
Open Source**

# Operator/Carrier Challenge: Delivering Value-Added Services and Content

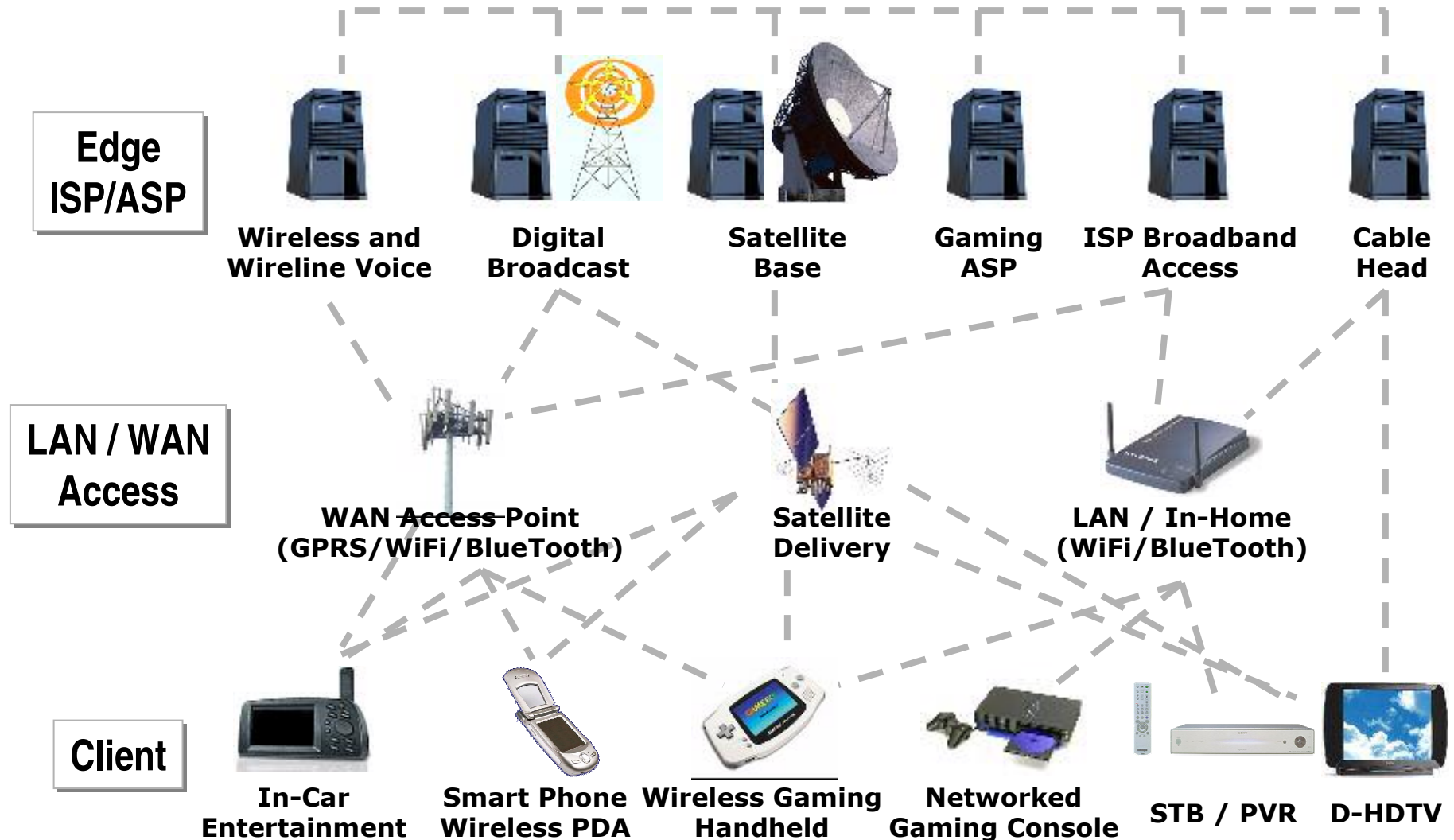
Operators, carriers content providers

End-user client devices

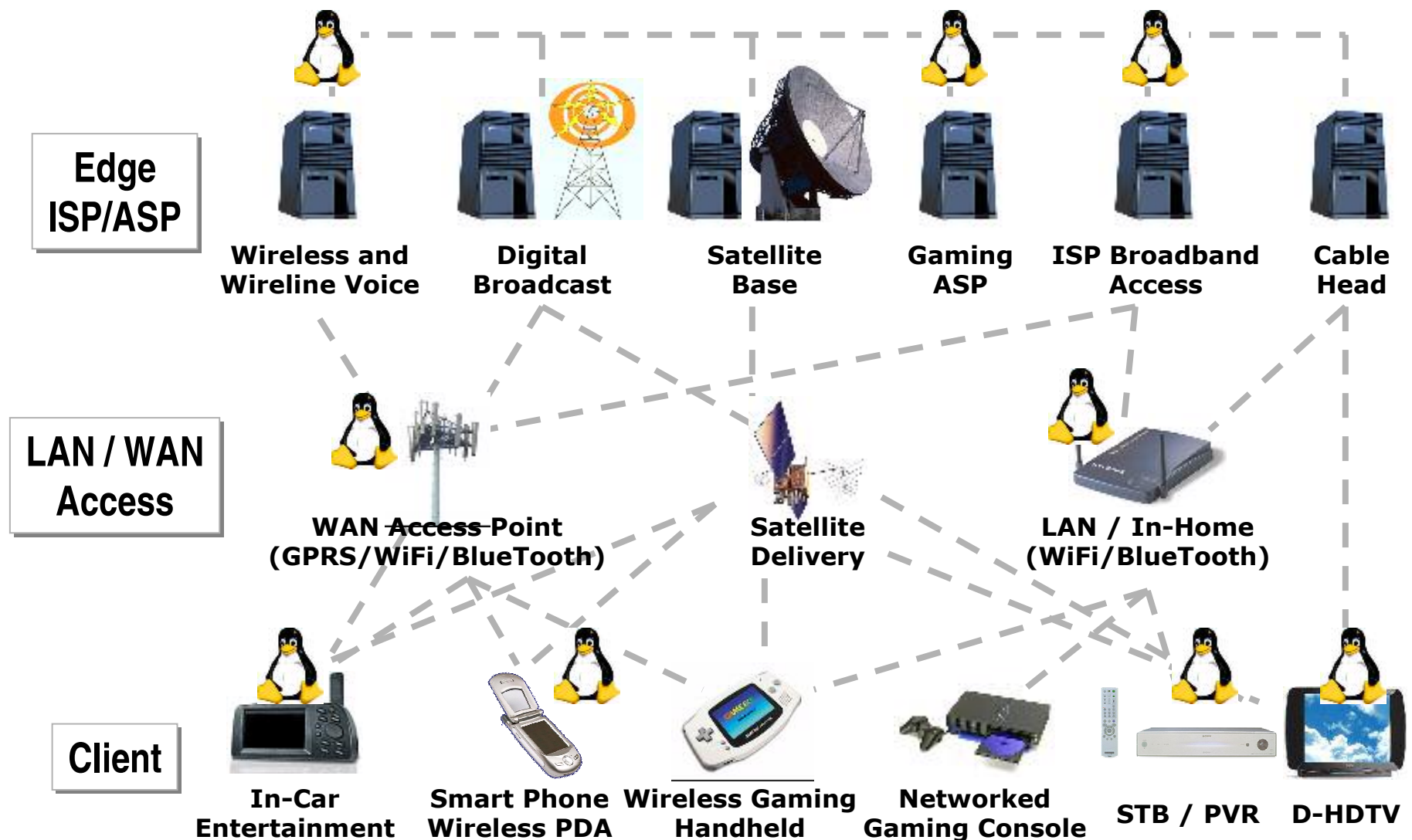


Content/Service	Legacy Delivery	Delivery w/Linux	Benefits of Linux & Open Source
Voice, video, info., games, Web, e-mail, voicemail, eCommerce, LocServices	Java, Brew, MHP/OCAP, other proprietary technologies Most require expensive m/w	Native Linux networking, file systems, security Java on Linux VoIP	Linux offers security, standard APIs and management Interfaces Base platform more capable, requiring fewer non-native add-ons <b>Native Performance and Lower Cost</b>

# Service/Content Delivery Infrastructure



# Service/Content Deliver Infrastructure Linux Penetration and Synergies



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