The Open Source Desktop

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Agenda

- Introduction
    - Desktops: Perception v/s Reality
    - The Real State of Things
    - The Open Source Desktop

- The Real Agenda

Perception v/s Reality

The Ultimate Battle

- The Server Battle is over
- Unix/Linux/BSD servers
  - Domination increasing
  - Linux servers > 40%
    - 2003-2004

Perceptions

- Servers are invisible
- "The Network is the Computer"
- "The Desktop is the Computer"

Perceptions

- Visible side of computing
- "He who controls the desktop…"
- 250 Million Windows desktops

- Applications and Services

Reality of Apps & Services

- Moving to the Web
    - Business functionality
    - Personal Productivity
- PC Market has stagnated
- Internet Devices are appearing
- ".NET" is the new battle cry

Desktop Issues

- **Obsolescence of equipment**
- **Licensing costs**
  - Per seat
  - Per annum
- **Security issues**
  - Viruses
  - Crackers
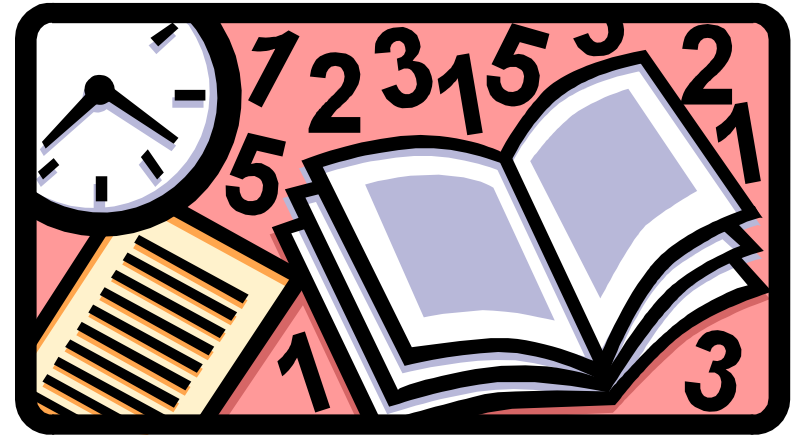- **Applications**

The Real State of Things

Meet Joe Ramaswamy

- Age: 27
- Occupation: Manager
- Education: Graduate
- Experience: 4 years
- Computer: Standard Pentium 4
- Technical Savvy: Enough to get by

Joe's Work PC Requirements

- Word-processing
- Spreadsheet
- Presentations
- Web Browsing
- E-Mail
- Instant Messaging
- Accounting.

Additional Requirements

- Affordable
- Legal
- Functional
- Long-lasting
- Protected.

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Equivalent Applications

Application	Closed Source	Open Source
Word Processing	Winword	OpenOffice Writer
Spreadsheet	Excel	OpenOffice Calc
Presentations	Powerpoint	OpenOffice Impress
Web Browsing	Internet Explorer	Mozilla/Firefox
E-Mail	Outlook	Thunderbird, Evolution
Instant Messaging	AIM, Yahoo, MSN	Gaim, AYTTM
Accounting	Tally	GnuCash

And for those die-hards

- Linux can run Windows applications
  - Microsoft Office
  - Lotus Notes
  - Games
- Applications ported to Linux
  - e.g. Tally, Yahoo Messenger, Games, etc.

The Open Source Desktop WORKS!

Who stands to benefit

- Students
- Homes
- Businesses
- Governments.

What you need to do

- Try it.

- Don't listen to "motivated" vendors

- Ignore marketing terms
    - Total Cost of Ownership
    - Return on Investment
    - Real Cost of Ownership

Let's have a look at a few demos

Any Questions?

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