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Are you thinking about whether your organisation should move to Windows Vista? What are some of the most popular alternatives grabbing businesses today and why?

Many organisations are currently reviewing their desktop strategies for a number of reasons:

- With mainstream support for Windows® XP retiring in April 2009, organisations are contemplating the hardware, training and transition costs (often unbudgeted) of moving to Vista® and are considering other alternatives. Many companies who in the past have upgraded platforms to avoid the risk of running unsupported versions are reluctant to again upgrade without understanding the benefits.
- Pressure to increase productivity with a reduced budget.
- Fear of security breaches and leaking of sensitive data.
- Mounting cost of desktop support/software distribution and patch management.

IBM® and Red Hat® with a number of guest speakers will take attendees through the potential financial benefits, interoperability features, security and manageability benefits of deploying a Linux® operating system on the desktop. Importantly IBM and Red Hat will demonstrate that from a functional perspective, many users will experience little difference in running a Linux desktop or a MS Vista desktop for completing their specific business tasks.

During the presentation, you will hear and see:

What are the considerations for moving from Win2000/XP to Windows Vista and how does it compare to moving to Linux?

Experts will compare Linux productivity, security and manageability compared with Win2000/XP and Vista.

Why it makes financial and operational sense to consider a desktop fleet running a mix of Linux and Windows operating systems based on the feature, application and task requirements of the user.

How Red Hat Linux and IBM deliver a compelling suite of desktop alternatives. Can it work seamlessly in a heterogeneous environment which includes Windows, and Mac?

Open Standards, Security and Manageability - How Linux's mature heritage gives desktops the safety and robustness of a Unix like operating system.

The new environment... What does it look like - support matrix, types of users (executives, knowledge workers, mobile workers and task workers), interoperability, management tools, etc.

Pia Waugh - Waugh Partners Principal Consultant Pia will provide an industry perspective of how and why organisations in Australia and worldwide are strategically moving to Open Source technologies. She will also cover the strategic considerations facing these organisations and the key success factors for Linux and Open Source deployments.

Details of large and small companies that have embraced Linux desktops and the benefits they have achieved.

Attendees will be provided a roadmap guide to Linux containing loads of resources, best practices and details to access Red Hat and IBM Linux readiness assessment consultations.

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EXCLUSIVE EVENT

The session will also showcase:

Operating system usability – UI look and feel, plug and play.

Office Productivity usability – create, edit, view simple and rich documents including how Open Office reads and writes to Microsoft file formats.

Lotus® runs natively on Linux – the full suite of mobility, collaboration and communication services is available on Linux.

When:

Please join us at 3.45pm for 4.00pm start. We will close the presentation with canapés and drinks between 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

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