

Evaluation Study for a migration to a Linux desktop

Check out the desktop alternatives now – Make the right decision for the future
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Demands

Desktop demands in your company:

- Reduce your fixed costs and raise the percentage of variable costs (scale effect)
- Reduce your dependency on one provider -> long-term planning reliability
- Reduce your indirect IT costs (e.g. configuration)
- Secure your desktop operating system with safe software (viruses, worms ...)
- Centralize the update management of your desktop software systems, and reduce your desktop administrative costs
- Minimize your desktop downtime due to operational system crashes

Examine your desktop transfer

Linux-Desktop, is it a real alternative for you? – Security through an evaluation study

- How can you replace existing groupware products, such as mail, calendar and browser solutions? What are the consequences?
- You want to switch but have too many unanswered business problems (e.g. amount of the migration costs, TCO / ROI)
- Conceiving the study reveals several transfer or exit scenarios, thereby minimizing your risk
- JDS / JES, Gnome, KDE, etc. with their business applications on Suse, Red Hat, Gentoo, Knoppix, etc. Which Linux derivative is with its respective “added values” the most suitable alternative?

Advantages

- Easy, secure and long-term investment planning by documenting the existing infrastructure (HW and SW) and the proposed changes (target-performance comparison)
- Individual analysis and evaluation of your transfer to the Linux desktop with answers to all the important technical and business questions
- Recognizing the potential for standardization and new opportunities - the consideration of alternative IT technologies (e.g. portals) for promising solutions are also incorporated (a 1:1 Desktop migration seldom makes sense)
- Strengthening your negotiating position e.g. versus Microsoft. Experience shows that the study often amortizes itself manifold as a result
- Alternatives for an impending decision are at hand:
 - Additional investments in e.g. a Microsoft desktop operating system
 - Creating a requirement specification for a transfer to the Linux desktop
 - Planning a later transfer, (e.g. as soon as the necessary desktop functionality or software is available)
- Management / IT management has fulfilled its obligation in searching for alternative desktop operating systems

Four steps for a migration

.riess procedure for a transfer to the Linux desktop: minimizing your risk!

- One day workshop and brief recording of the infrastructure and requirements
-> Drafting a fixed price offer for the evaluation study
- Implementing the evaluation study
 - Checklist, interviews, documentation
 - Individualized information and consulting on the Linux desktop
 - Individualized evaluation of the technical feasibility and consequences (ROI/TCO)
 - Drafting a fixed price offer for the requirement specification sheet
 - Decision planning and presentation before management
- Creating a requirement specification sheet for the Linux desktop migration
-> Composing or implementing the migration
- Implementing a Linux desktop migration
-> Project management and implementation by .riess and / or partners

Standardized implementation

- .riess operates according to an extensive checklist (incorporating the input of representative desktop key users and applications)
- Kick-off including presentation of the functional peculiarities and desktop equipment
- Recording the IT infrastructure (interfaces, Office integration)
 - Desktop hardware and software, Net infrastructure
 - Separate interviews with key users
 - Analysis of ideal Desktops and eventual formation of a test scenario
 - Office migration analysis (integration, macro conversion ...)
- Creating a project report from a TCO / ROI standpoint and a management summary
- Presenting the evaluation results before management

Additional Services

- IT consulting, migration evaluations for the Open Source environment
- Creating performance and system specifications
- „MOSS“ - Managed Office Suite Services: We will assume the internal office support, from the first model to the macro programming, from the migration to new versions to individual customizing and interface programming, from training to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd level support
- Documentation of the software or IT infrastructure
- Implementing software projects in Java and on Linux according to your specifications

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