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Subject: Thad- check this shit out...

Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2008 22:16:05 GMT

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Subject: Re: Thad- check this shit out.....Wow

Posted by [LaMontt](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2008 22:25:23 GMT

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!@##%!! Wow.. Here is the Innoek product link

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Subject: Re: Thad- check this shit out...

Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 12 Feb 2008 23:28:50 GMT

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Sun is getting their open source act together, they really are. Personally I think this is `_directly_` related to their hiring of Ian Murdoch as their open source software lead. Ian created this fancy little GNU/Linux distro called Debian that you might have heard me mention once or twice. Linus is still taking potshots at Sun for not going whole hog, but they've put Java out under the GPL and bought MySQL (previously they recommended PostGres, which is a perfectly fine database, but the 'M' in LAMP is still MySQL).

Previously Sun was doing the Apple thing--we want a community to grow around our open source projects but we don't want to cede any control and by the way we can use your code in our own closed products. I think with Murdoch's influence they're learning that it's smarter to either stay closed (the M\$FT model) or really go open. I've been toying with both OpenSolaris project (Ian's baby at Sun) and the developer editions of closed but free to download Solaris 10. With Java out under the GPL it's much more attractive to me as a technology and their IDE (NetBeans) is really fantastic, and Java itself is no longer the memory leaking ball of sludge it was a few years ago.

Anyway, I see Murdoch's fingerprints all over this because Sun is moving bit by bit into the truly free software world. Ian has always been the godfather of Debian and he was the project leader for a while as well. To say the Debian project leader has to have the patience of a saint is to vastly overrate most saints. Imagine not just herding cats, but herding not very well socialized cats--some of whom are outright feral--all of whom have 150+ IQs and email accounts. It seems to me that Ian is slowly bringing the company around more in a mental state than anything else.

Thanks for the link,

TCB

"chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:

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