



JADE SOFTWARE CORPORATION MEDIA BRIEFING

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Jade Delivers On End-To-End Linux Strategy

Jade Software Corporation today announced the release of JADE 6.1, the latest version of its software platform, which provides an end-to-end development and runtime platform for Linux. Jade's developer editions of JADE 6.1 for Linux are available for download from Jade's Website at no charge.

The release of JADE 6.1 provides a Linux Thin Client that enables rich user interfaces to be deployed to Linux desktops. Coupled with a Linux database server and application servers, JADE 6.1 offers an end-to-end platform for RHEL (Red Hat Enterprise Linux) and Novell's SLES (SUSE Linux Enterprise Server) distributions. Not only can customers run their applications entirely on Linux, developers have a complete Linux development platform as well.

The use of Linux for enterprise systems is increasing through the availability of commercial enterprise Linux distributions and its growing credibility in the business world. Businesses are choosing Linux because of its cost-effectiveness, security, stability, flexibility and performance. IDC forecasts that in 2008, driven by a CAGR (compound annual growth rate) of 22.8 percent, worldwide Linux server revenue will reach US\$9.1 billion, representing 25.7 percent of worldwide server shipments.

According to JADE Program Manager, Dean Cooper, "A key force behind the growth of Linux is support from large vendors such as IBM. This builds confidence in the platform. With JADE 6.1, we want to make it easy for our customers to deliver applications on Linux and take advantage of the significant opportunities that Linux presents. It's about giving our customers platform choice."

One such customer is Allan Baird of Abel Software Limited, who provide a powerful JADE-based Enterprise Management Solution. "With the ability in JADE 6.1 to run a Thin Client on Linux, we can now offer a complete Linux solution to our customers. One major US-based customer is extremely interested in Linux, so JADE 6.1 is fantastic for us. We've designed our system from the ground up with portability in mind and JADE makes it easy for us to do that."

As a proof-of-concept, Abel took advantage of the JADE 6.1 Beta Program to migrate their system from JADE on Windows to JADE 6.1 running end-to-end on Linux. "It took less than a

day and it just came up and ran. The Linux Thin Client is great!" said Allan. "We can deploy our application on either Windows or Linux from a single source code base."

JADE 6.1 for Windows, Red Hat Linux and SUSE Linux on Intel-compatible hardware is available for free download at www.jadeworld.com/jade. Production systems for commercial use must be licensed separately. In preferred relationships, support for other IBM hardware platforms is available on request. Technical support is available through a range of support options, designed to give customers a choice in the level of technical service they require.

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ABOUT JADE SOFTWARE CORPORATION

Established in 1978, Jade Software Corporation is an information technology research and development organisation, with more than 25 years' experience supplying enterprise scale software solutions to large businesses and government organisations. The company produces; JADE - an integrated computing platform, products for the healthcare, higher education, HR and payroll, ports and shipping sectors, and also provides custom development services and systems management. A network of distributors and channel partners sells the company's products and services to companies throughout Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America.

A privately owned New Zealand company, Jade employs around 250 people throughout New Zealand, Australia, the United States and the United Kingdom. The company's Managing Director is Dr Rod Carr, and Founder and President is Sir Gil Simpson.

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ABOUT ABEL SOFTWARE LIMITED

Abel Software is a private software development company based in Auckland, New Zealand, that develops "Abel", Abel Software's Enterprise Management Solution. Abel is a powerful enterprise management solution destined to make enterprise computing more accessible to SME's as well as corporates.

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