

# LINUX WORLD NEWS

## BIGGEST GERMAN ONLINE MAGAZINE FEATURES UBUNTU

No doubt, Linux has made it into the German mainstream: "Spiegel Online," the country's most-read online magazine, featured a five-day-long Ubuntu diary in its "Netzwelt" ("Net World") section starting September 24 and followed with a bulletin board on its website. In his articles, titled "The colorful Linux for everyone," author Jürgen Vielmeier describes Ubuntu and its flavors in general as well as his first steps with the Linux distribution. Although many Linuxers might be frustrated over his resistance to learn something new (a resistance he shares with many ordinary Windows users) and the general superficiality of the articles, his

conclusion "Linux is better and worse than Windows" wasn't too unbalanced.

In the (open)SUSE distribution's country of origin, it was however interesting to see that the Ubuntu and Canonical PR people had to enter the scene before mainstream media would accept Linux as user-friendly a noteworthy enough for mainstream coverage. <http://www.spiegel.de/netzwelt/tech/0,1518,506386,00.html> (German) [http://www.spiegel.de/international/\(English\)](http://www.spiegel.de/international/(English)) <http://forum.spiegel.de/showthread.php?s=8ec0841096741117873cf40061c43407&t=2255> (German) [http://forum-international.spiegel.de/\(English\)](http://forum-international.spiegel.de/(English))



## FOSS.IN RESTARTS CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The organizers of the FOSS.IN/2007 conference (formerly known as Linux Bangalore or even more colloquial BangLinux) to be held in Bangalore, December 4-8, took a drastic move to give India's major open source conference a fresh image as a developer and contributor conference. After receiving mainly user-oriented talk proposals in response to the original call for

participation (CfP), organizers restarted the entire CfP, which now ended October 20. The announcement said, "FOSS.IN is about demolishing the contention that India is a land of FOSS consumers, with almost no contributors - that we only take, not give back. Our objective is to enable and jump start more FOSS contributors from India."

To meet their ambitious aim, the traditional exhibition and conference have been supplemented by a new element - the project days, preceding the main conference. December 4 and 5 will be completely dedicated to major FOSS projects. <http://foss.in/>



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## ANGOLA CHOOSES MANDRIVA LINUX



Mandriva and Angola's National Commission for Information Technologies (CNTI) entered an agreement by which the French-Brazilian Linux distributor will work

with open source deployments in the country and provide consulting services and adequate training for a core team of 50 Angolan engineers, the CNTI's first open source task force.

To fulfill the contract, Mandriva will collaborate with Luanda-based Troy Group.

The CNTI's task is to help reduce the digital divide in Angola, both at the government level and in the general population, and it has identified open source software as a means to achieve this goal.

Although the cooperation was announced only September 18, a Brazilian Mandriva team (both Brazil and Angola share Portuguese as the official language) had already begun training Angolan engineers this past summer.

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