



LINUX

OPENLINUX EBUILDER FROM CALDERA

Caldera has launched OpenLinux eBuilder – an e-Commerce solution. It comes bundled with IBM's WebSphere application server. This allows secure Web applications to be hosted – with 56-bit or 128-bit encryption. Evergreen's ECential 3.0 Open Commerce Framework is also included. This provides Java and XML-based e-commerce services.

The whole package provides more than a dozen e-Commerce components, including order management, shopping, payment and shipping modules. Commenting on the launch, Ransom Love, president and CEO of Caldera Systems said "With over 30 per cent of the Internet running on Linux today, it only makes sense to produce a product that allows businesses to focus their resources there, without throwing out everything they already have." The company can be contacted at www.calderasystems.com.

COREL BIG ON LINUX SUPPORT

Corel is continuing its commitment to Linux. WordPerfect 2000 will be launched for the operating system at the end of May, for £152.75. CorelDRAW! 9 for Linux is expected in July – slightly earlier than expected. And Ventura 8.5 is likely to be available by the end of the year – for both the Linux and Windows environments.

S.U.S.E LINUX REACHES 6.4

S.u.s.e has released version 6.4 of its popular implementation of Linux. The new edition includes improvements to the YaST2 graphical installation utility, more comprehensive hardware recognition and better configuration tools.

Less now needs to be done manually by the user. There are also improvements to server tools and support for 3D chipsets from nVidia, Matrox, ATI, S3 and Intel. The full S.u.s.e Linux 6.4 includes six CD-ROMs or one DVD, along with a 530-page manual, quick install manual and 60 days free installation support.

More details can be found at the S.u.s.e Web site, located at www.suse.com.

Which search engine?

New directory sites aim to make searching the Net easier

The fast-growing search engine, www.ukmax.com, has teamed up with RealNames to utilise its Internet Keyword technology. This allows everyday words and phrases to be used in on-line searches. When they enter a product, brand or company name, UKMax users will now find Internet Keyword sites appearing at the top of their search results. This should provide

a rapid way of finding the right information at official Web sites.

And search engine www.google.com is gaining a loyal following. Its PageRank technology examines the number of links to each site and then weights them depending on the type of site. The service is very fast and the most relevant sites should then appear at the top of the list.



We'll soon need a search engine for all the search engines.

JUNE – JULY 2000

Upcoming events

Get yourself to this month's computing and IT events

Date: 1-2 June
Event: Linux Expo 2000
Venue: Olympia, London
Contact: www.itevents.co.uk

Date: 19-22 June
Event: Application Development 2000
Venue: Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London
Contact: www.applicationdevelopment.com

Date: 20-22 June
Event: e-Business for Industry
Venue: Olympia 2, London
Contact: www.techapps.co.uk

Date: 27-29 June
Event: Networks Telecom
Venue: NEC Birmingham
Contact: www.networks-telecom.com

Date: 4-7 July
Event: Microsoft Tech Ed 2000
Venue: RAI Centre, Amsterdam
Contact: www.microsoft.com/europe/teched

Date: 10 July
Event: Brands@internet
Venue: Knightsbridge Millennium Hotel, London
Contact: www.ibr-uk.com

Date: 11-12 July
Event: IP Access Networks
Venue: Dorchester Hotel, London
Contact: www.ibctelecoms.com

Date: 12 July
Event: Data and Document Capture 2000
Venue: University of Hertfordshire
Contact: www.cimtech.co.uk

Date: 13 July
Event: Broadband Access Strategies for the 2000s
Venue: London
Contact: www.ibctelecoms.com

Readers are advised to pre-register and check with organisers

Chernobyl's second coming

And its 'cure' contains another virus

At the time of writing, businesses were bracing themselves for the Chernobyl/W95.CIH virus to be reactivated on 26th April. This virus is thought to have infected some 600,000 PCs at the same time last year. It spread through pirate software in Asia and even turned up on a few new IBM PCs in March 1999. Some corporate helpdesks insisted that all PCs should be left off on that fateful date. And the damage caused

by this virus has already topped \$250 million world-wide.

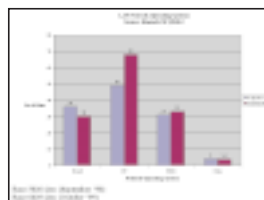
But in the days leading up to the anniversary, another virus was found masquerading as a cure for Chernobyl. Cambridge-based Kaspersky Lab announced that the Win32.Santana virus was the actual content of this 'cure'. This is a memory-resident parasitic encrypted Win32 virus that infects Windows executables. Kaspersky's Web site is at www.kasperskylabs.com.

Windows NT dominates business networking

But Unix pushes NetWare into third place

It's no surprise that Windows NT has a dominant user base in the business community. But according to market intelligence company Rhetorik, Unix has pushed NetWare into third place. This dispels the myth that the battle of the network operating systems is between Microsoft and Novell. Rhetorik's latest survey shows how Novell's market share has dropped from 36 per cent to 30 per cent, with Microsoft's rising from 49 per cent to 68 per cent. The surprise comes with Unix – jumping 2 per cent to 33 per cent.

These figures do not add up to 100 per cent because many organisations run more than one network operating system.



Novell is increasingly concentrating on directory services, as business users move away from NetWare.

However, Rhetorik has found a trend towards consolidation. Of the 37 per cent of sites running both Novell and Microsoft operating systems, 45 per cent say they will be solely using Windows NT in the near future. But Unix users seemed to be more loyal. You'll find Rhetorik at www.rhetorik.co.uk.