

Free and Open Source as Viewed by a Processor Developer

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Alan Cox

Community Leader

2000



"Relations with Intel have been "harder to gauge ... because they don't seem to understand how to interact with the free software community at all. They're obsessed with secrecy and non-disclosure. Their own chairman described Intel as 'paranoid', which is reasonably true. They are very hard to work with." [LinuxUser Magazine](#)

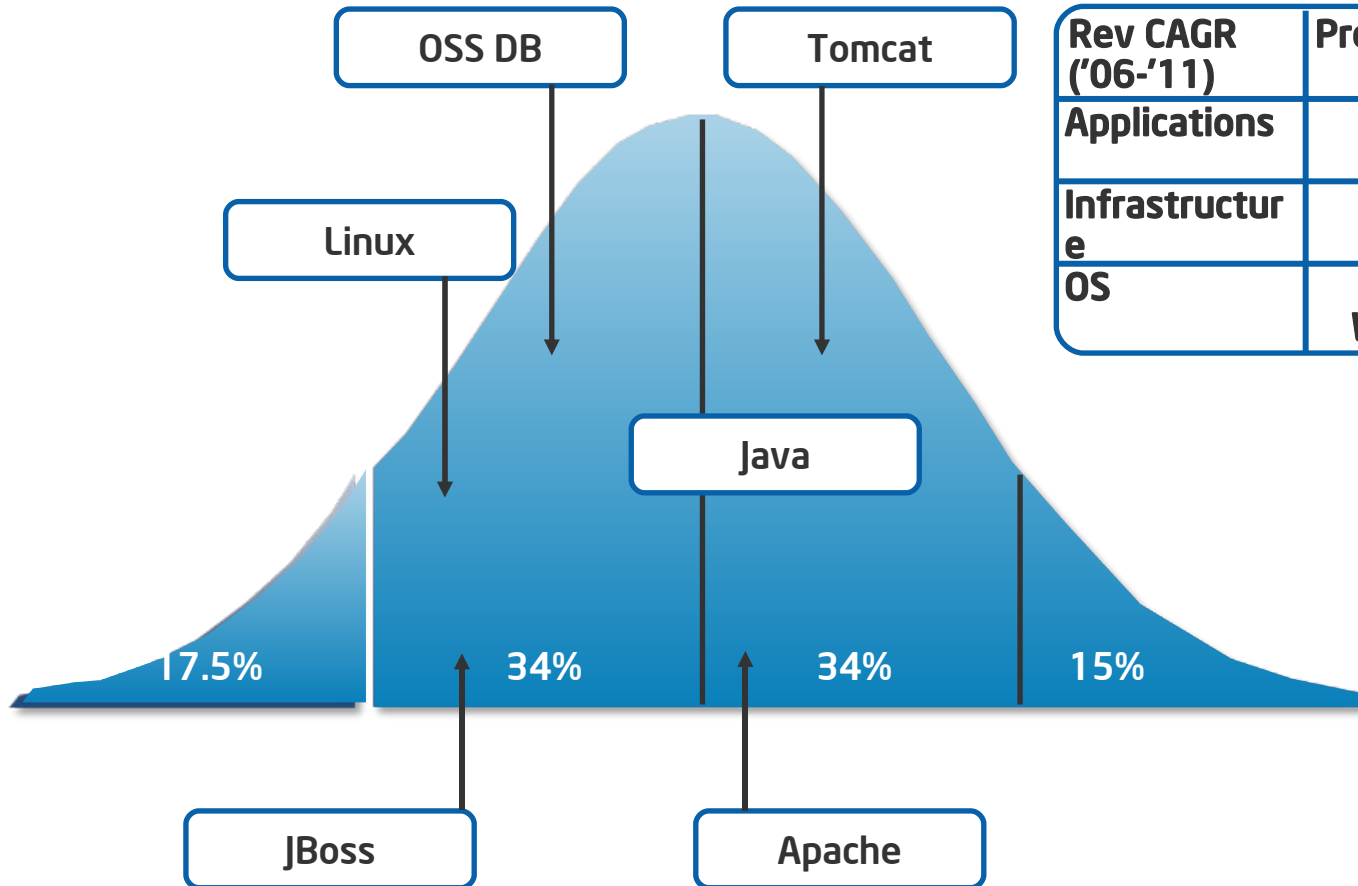
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"Of the big vendors I deal with I would say Intel are probably the most co-operative today, they provide good documentation, errata information and also fund or write key drivers for their hardware such as the 3D support (done by Tungsten Graphics) and the wireless. That has really paid off and made their systems hardware of choice." www.abclinuxu.cz

Open Source Reality in the Market

Significant Market Segment Share
across the board

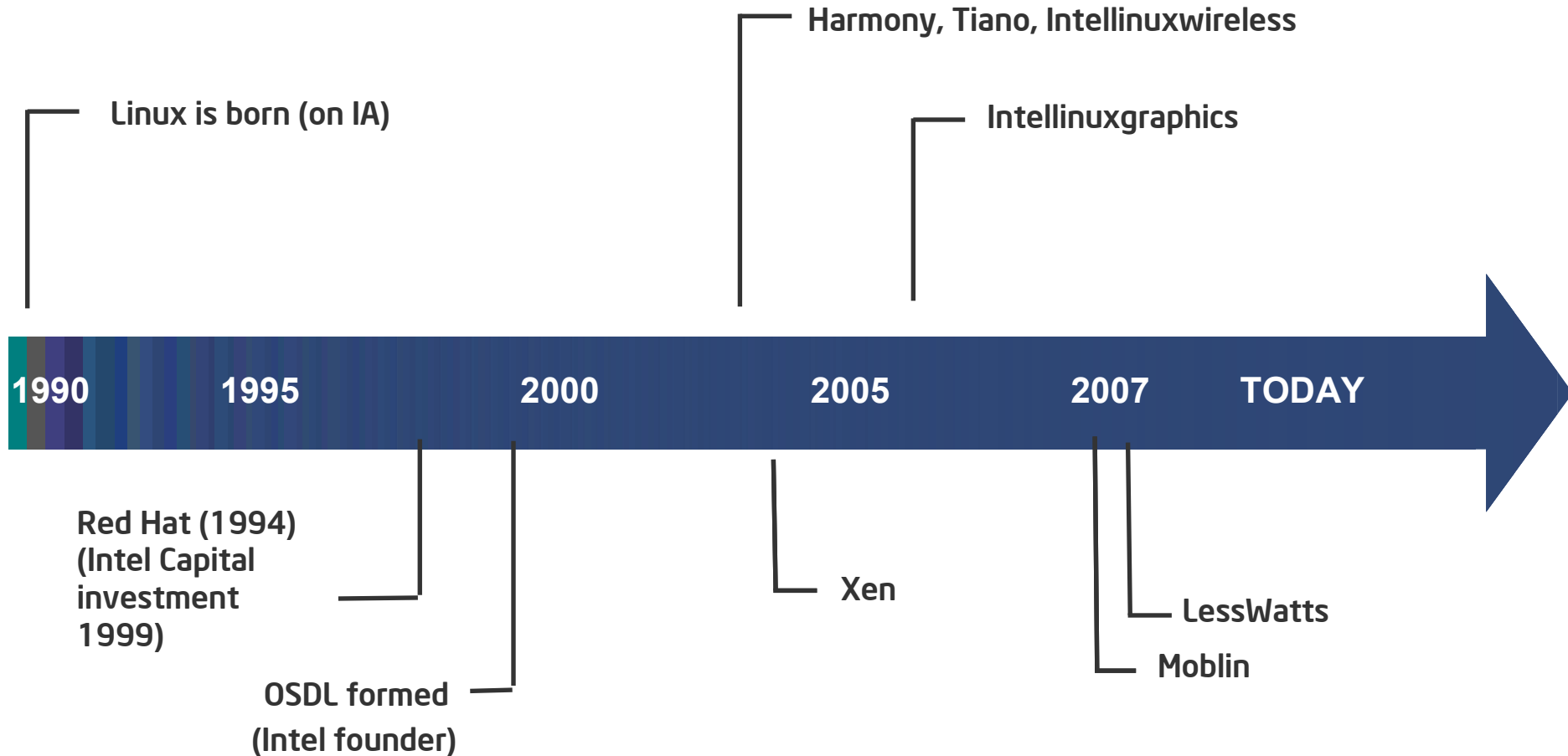


3x CAGR* to proprietary source

Rev CAGR ('06-'11)	Proprietary	Open Source
Applications	8%	43%
Infrastructure	7.2%	24.3%
OS	8.6% Windows	26.4% Linux



A View from the outside: Intel & Open Source



The stubborn component: BIOS



- Rationale: BIOS was unchanged for 20+ years
- Initially launched as the tiano project partnering with CollabNet to establish Extensible Framework Interface (EFI) Development Kit
- Key learning: Intel helped to establish Unified EFI as the industry standard for BIOS
- Open Source can drive industry change

Industry Impact: BIOS Transition

Pre-2000

All Platforms BIOS were proprietary

2000

Intel invented the Extensible Firmware Interface (EFI) and provided sample implementation under free BSD terms

2004

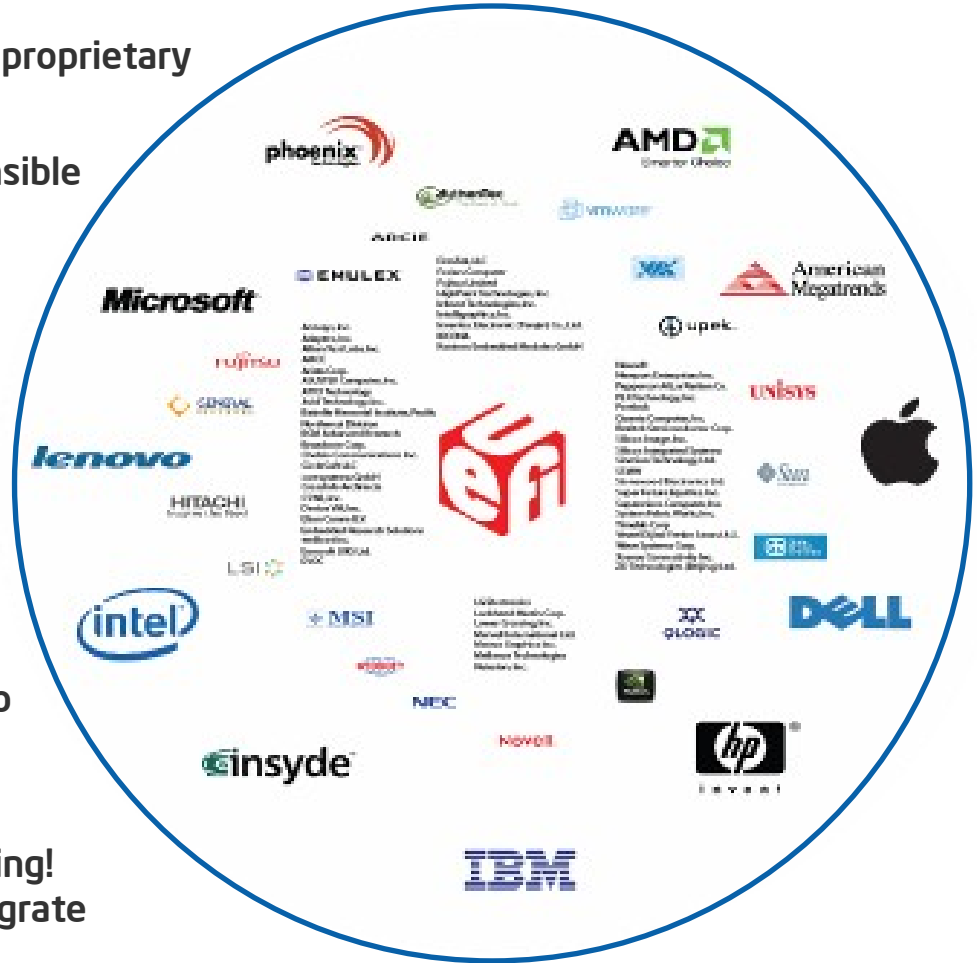
tianocore.org, open source EFI community launched

2005

Unified EFI (UEFI) Industry forum, with 15 members, was formed to standardize EFI

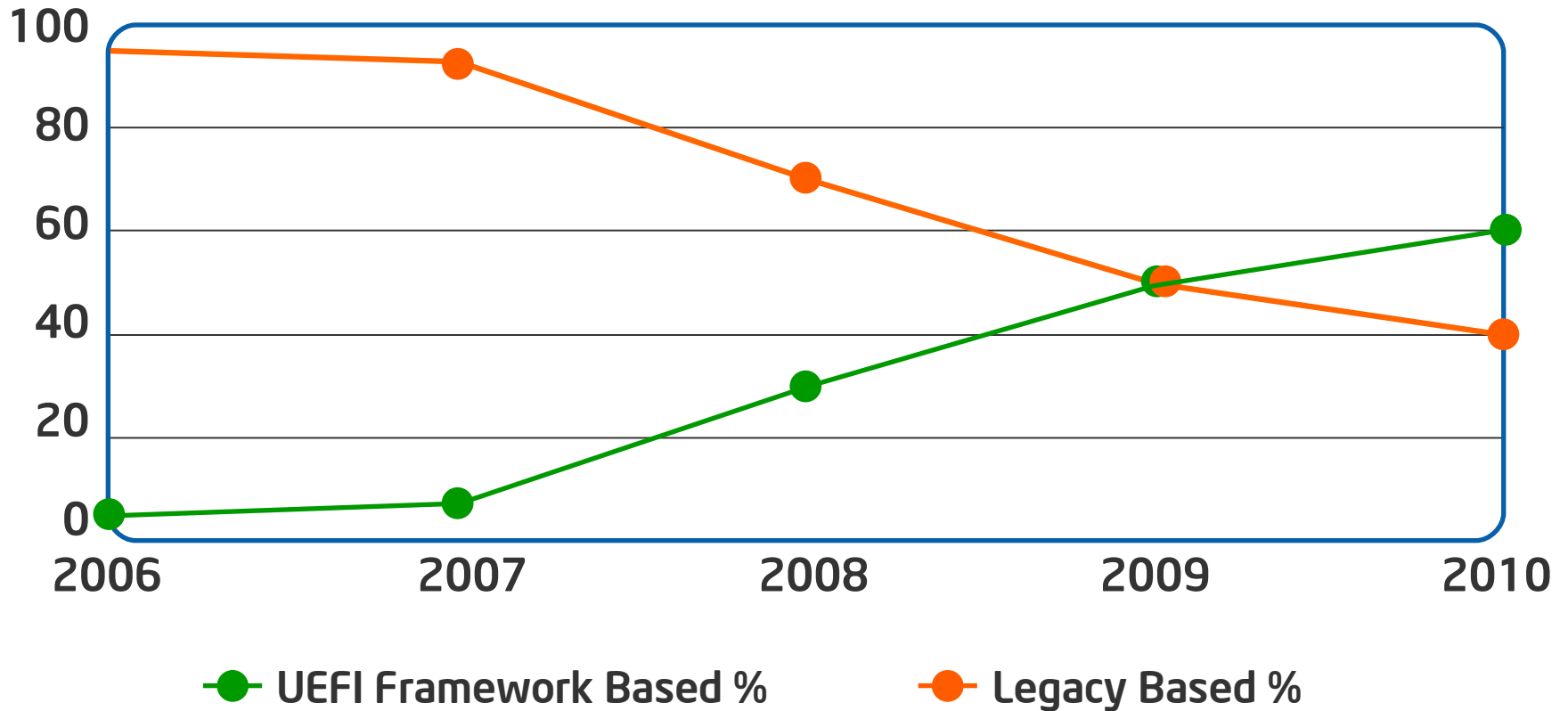
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127 members and growing!
MNCs committed to integrate



UEFI Firmware Based Deployments....

...will cross 50% of worldwide IA units by 2010



Source: Various – IDC Sep'07 worldwide vendor market share; Intel customer platform adoption projection

Leading with Open Source: Virtualization

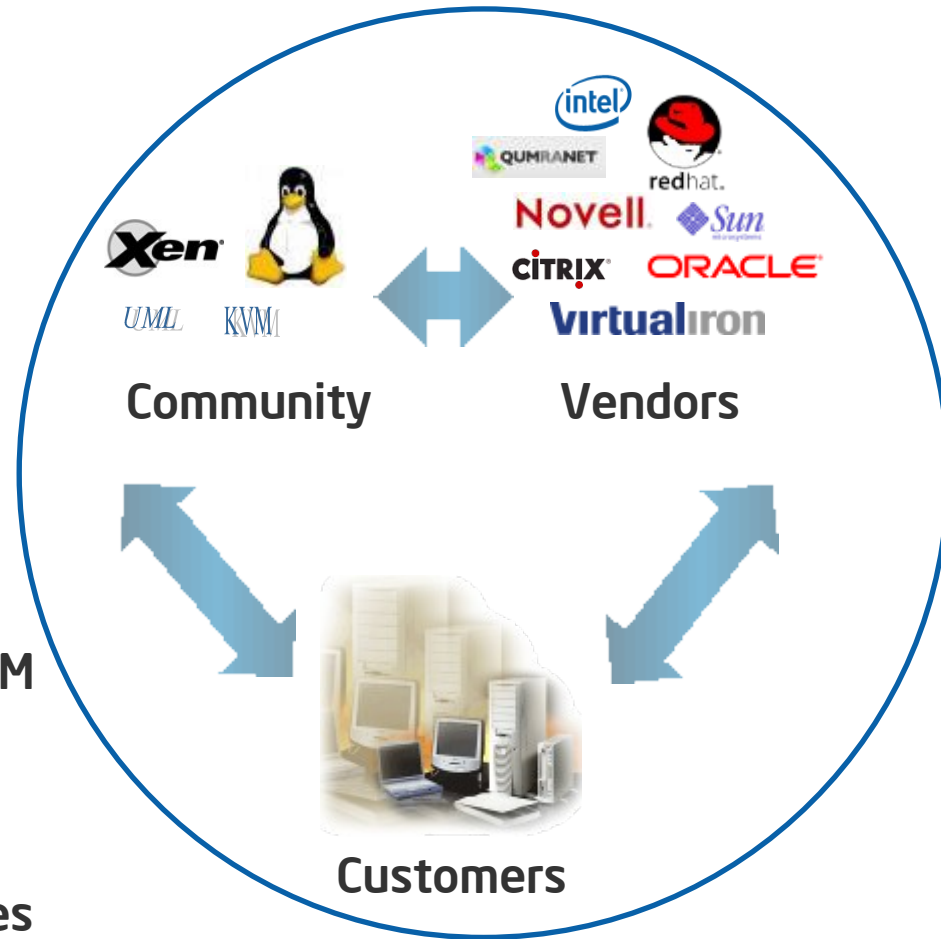


- Potential disruptive technology but slow and targeted adoption
- Research project with other vendors and the University of Cambridge in 2003
- Key learning: XEN helped to catalyze Intel feature adoption by vendors with virtualization products

Industry Impact: Virtualization

2004 ▶ Intel introduced VT
...Intel contributed
to Open Source

2008 ▶ Large ecosystem around VT
contributing to Xen,UML,KVM
Benchmark standards
(vConsolidate..), New usage
models emerging (Fault
tolerance..), New VT features
(Flex migration...)



Virtualization Software Ecosystem

Many products based on OSS

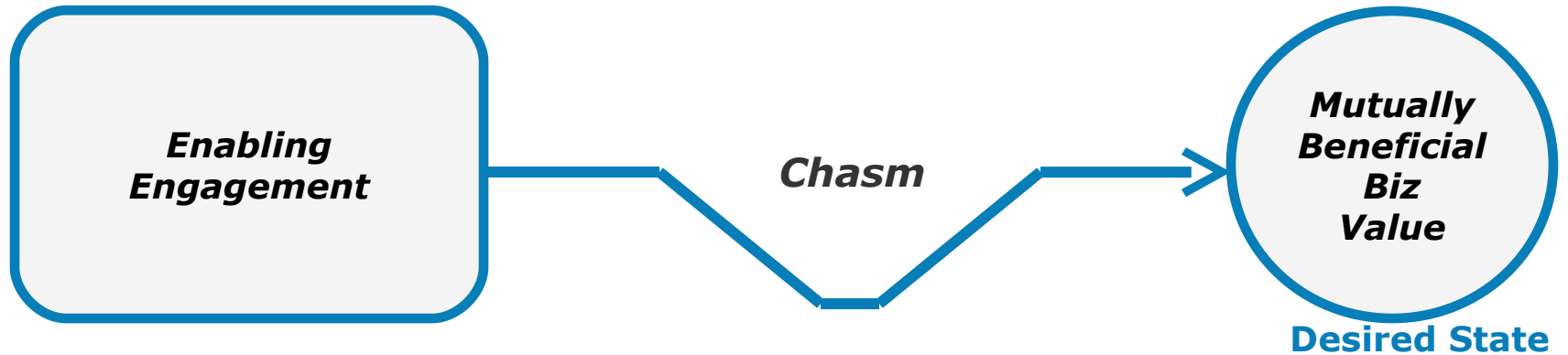


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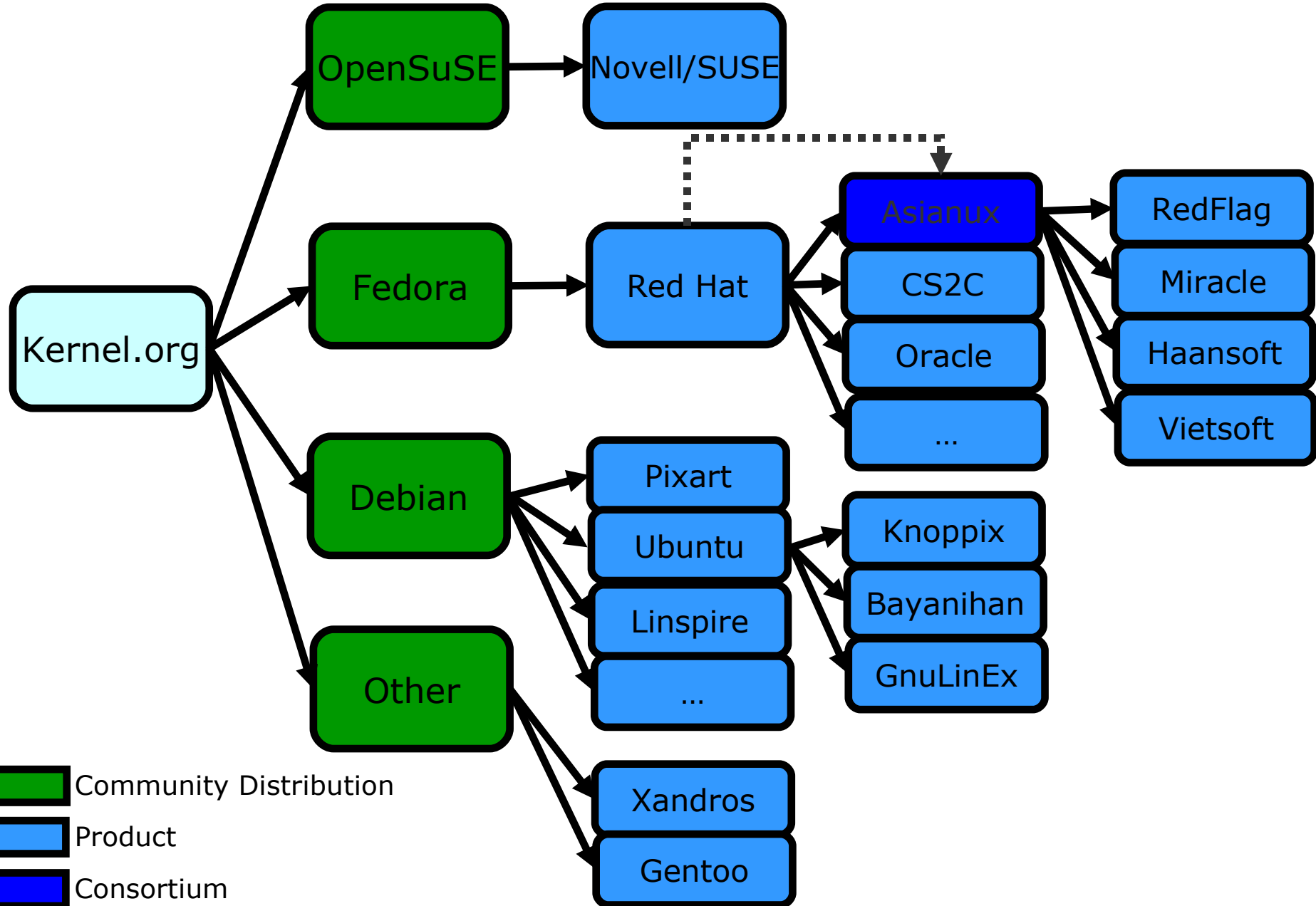


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Traditional Software Enabling @Intel



Simplified Linux Family Tree



Vertical Industry: Carrier Grade Linux



- Vertically integrated, proprietary industry over invested during the Dot com era
- OSDL founded while Intel contributed to kernel and CGL specifications
- Key learning: Helped Intel Architecture break into the telecommunication industry

Itanium lessons & the Linux Community



- In the late 90's 'Merced' solidified numerous operating system porting commitments
- Intel worked with many Operating System Vendors & indirectly contributed to the Linux kernel
- Key learning: Linux/Itanium helped Intel gain access to the RISC market

Working directly with the Linux Kernel Community



- Initially Linux contributions were made via proxy
- Challenges:
 - Intel not visible as a community member
 - Long, difficult internal negotiation on open source drivers
- Key learning: can accelerate technology adoption by direct participation with the community

Influencing Java was...Challenging



- Numerous industry requests for Sun to open source Java
- Launched Harmony project at Apache with industry players, including IBM
- Key learning: encouraged Sun to release an OpenJDK

Intel segments & platforms

Enterprise



- Servers
- Biz Client
- Virtualization
- Emerging Market

Embedded



- Auto

Mobile



- Mobile Internet Devices
- Notebooks
- netbooks

Home



- Consumer Electronics
- nettops

Community Projects Intel is Involved in

Power Savings

<http://www.lesswatts.org>

Mobility

<http://www.moblin.org/>

Graphics

<http://intellinuxgraphics.org>

Performance

<http://kernel-perf.sourceforge.net>

Operating Systems

Linux kernel: <http://kernel.org>

OpenSolaris: <http://opensolaris.org>

Virtualization

Xen: <http://xen.xensource.com>

UML: <http://user-mode-linux.sourceforge.net>

KVM: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/kvm>

Development Tools

Intel® TBB: <http://threadingbuildingblocks.org>

Eclipse: <http://www.eclipse.org>

GCC: <http://gcc.gnu.org>

Java: <http://harmony.apache.org>

Network and Wireless

<http://intellinuxwireless.org>

<http://e1000.sourceforge.net>

Manageability

<http://www.openwsman.org>

<http://www.openamt.org>

Firmware and Platform Integration

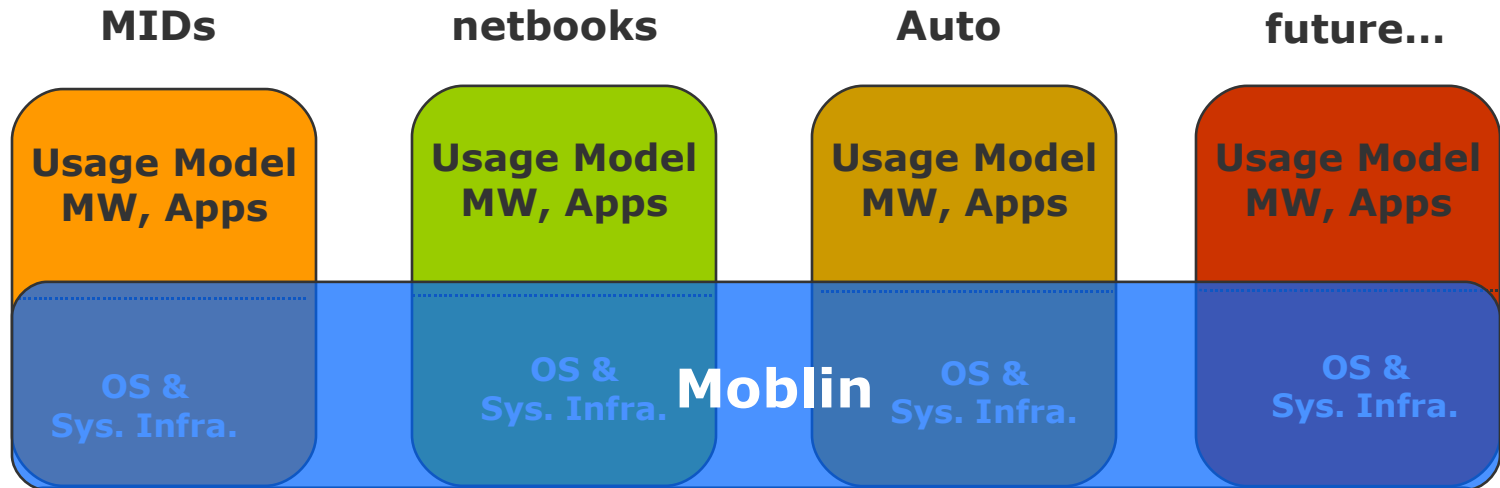
<http://www.linuxfirmwarekit.org>

<http://www.tianocore.org>



<http://www.intel.com/opensource>

Intel's Moblin Project Vision



Platforms based on Intel® Atom™ processors

***Moblin = Optimized Linux Software Platform
for Atom based clients***



Moblin Role in the Ecosystem

Community

Moblin.org



Moblin based Apps



Devices

- Standardized Linux Core Stack
- Optimized Power, Performance & footprint
- Choice of OSVs
- Integrated Multi-Media Codecs, Browser Plug-ins
- Application Compatibility

Moblin Software Development Kit

Core Development Tools

- Image Creator
- PowerTop
- GNU Toolchain

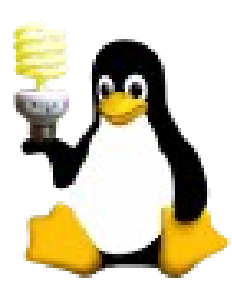
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Development
Products

- Intel® C++ Compiler for Linux*
- Intel® IPP Libraries
- Intel® VTune™ Analyzer
- JTAG Debugger/Apps Debugger

Sample Apps
and Documentation

- Open source sample apps
- Application design, development, and optimization guides
- Moblin porting guides
(Windows*, Java*)

Visit <http://moblin.org/downloads.php> to download



LessWatts.org

Power savings through software

"Intel Open Source project to make
Linux greener"

Ziff Davis, Sept 2007



LessWatts Technologies
Available in Community
Distributions



On Track for Integration
into Enterprise Linux
Distributions

Summary

- Open Source Software is relevant to Intel's key business growth areas and initiatives
- Intel differentiates via establishing leadership through communities
- And, then drive choice of solutions to market through the value chain