

Making the Move to SUSE® LINUX Enterprise Server 9

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More and more companies are frustrated with proprietary products, and the arguments for moving to Linux* are compelling. For starters, Linux has become the fastest growing operating system in the industry and a legitimate alternative to UNIX* and Microsoft Windows*. Cost is a big motivator. Moving to Linux substantially reduces license and maintenance fees; it allows you to take advantage of less expensive hardware; it minimizes the risk of security threats; it increases system uptime; and it optimizes your investments in people and IT resources.

The benefits of moving to Linux are hard to pass up, which is why Novell® has created our Linux migration solutions. These solutions can help you implement a smooth Linux migration—without compromising business-critical operations—through an integrated set of services and methodologies that build on the foundation of SUSE® LINUX Enterprise Server 9.

INTRODUCING SUSE LINUX ENTERPRISE SERVER 9

SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9 from Novell offers comprehensive open source application services, support for leading application and hardware products, and end-to-end management capabilities. Backed by a worldwide ecosystem of support engineers, consultants, and business partners, SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9 delivers superior performance and scalability and has been certified to run the most popular enterprise software packages on a broad range of hardware and system architectures.

SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9 is based on a common operating system platform, from the desktop to the server to the mainframe, offering savings through:

- A consistent technology that can be supported by IT, regardless of where they work
- Uniform management tools across servers and desktops
- Common code base certified for popular software applications and hardware platforms
- A consistent and dependable release schedule, making it easy for IT to plan and budget
- Coordinated updates and security patches

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“Major enterprises are running mission-critical functions on open-source IT. Big vendors have lined up to support it or port their applications to it. CIOs who have implemented it report significant reductions in total cost of ownership.”

—CIO Magazine,
March 15, 2003

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MAKING A SMOOTH TRANSITION

Migrating to SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9 can benefit your company, but change can be difficult, particularly one as important and far reaching as changing your IT infrastructure. Linux is new to many companies, whether they have limited but unsupported implementations or none at all; consequently, there is a lot of insecurity surrounding the move to Linux-based solutions.

Common worries include:

- How will we transition critical systems without jeopardizing core processes?
- Will we have the applications and tools we need?
- Can we integrate all of our disparate systems?
- Will the move be cost-effective?

Exploring uncharted territory is risky, which is why Novell has mapped out the process of moving to a Linux environment based on SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9—from the technical aspects to the necessary cultural changes.

NOVELL: YOUR PARTNER FOR LINUX SUCCESS

No one else has the Linux and open source resources and expertise that we do. Plus, we have created services and tools to help you transform your IT infrastructure using SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9 as the foundation. These services and tools are part of our Linux Direction Setting engagement, which includes the following well-coordinated phases:

1. A **Linux Discovery** phase that connects your key stakeholders with solution experts to

clarify issues, uncover options and establish a shared understanding of critical success factors.

2. A follow-on **Linux Strategy** phase where we work with your key stakeholders to create a clear vision and roadmap for a successful implementation of SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9, both from a business and a technical perspective.
3. A **Migration Assessment** phase, which will help you map out how you will implement SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9. And since you will no doubt be migrating from another platform or will need to maintain a heterogeneous environment, Novell has created tools and methodologies for several of the most common migration paths, including:
 - Red Hat* to SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9
 - Sun Solaris* Operating Environment to SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9
 - Microsoft Windows to SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9
 - New deployments of Linux desktops

THE NOVELL ADVANTAGE

At Novell, we have the experience and know-how to help you develop a sound Linux and open source strategy. We will work with you to develop a clear understanding of your Linux and open source options and help you identify both the risks and opportunities you face as you make the transition.

At Novell, we speak your language—the language of business. Let us help you lay out a roadmap for success. Contact a Novell salesperson today to learn more or visit us at www.novell.com/linux/migrate.

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