

OPENSOLARIS.. AND BEYOND

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Hello world

- Linux user, developer, and advocate since 1993
- Founder of Debian (1993)
- Cofounder of Progeny (1999-2005)
- CTO of Linux Foundation (née Free Standards Group/OSDL) (2005-2007)
- Joined Sun in March 2007
 - Chief OS Strategist (March 2007-February 2008)
 - Launched Project Indiana (OpenSolaris distro)
 - VP Developer and Community Marketing (February 2008-)



The question I was asked 1,000 times last year:

What's a *Linux guy* doing at Sun?



Key observation

When people say they want Linux...

they don't actually mean they want Linux.



Key observation

What they want is the Linux

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userland (read: open source)
+ business model
= distro
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"Linux"... and Solaris





Mozilla Firefox, Mozilla Thunderbird, OpenOffice.org, ...

GNOME

X Window System

GNU Utilities UNIX Utilities

POSIX + Extensions System Libraries POSIX

Linux Kernel Solaris Kernel

Hardware



The Linux Distribution Model













Integratable Components

SUSE Linux Enterprise

> Linux 2.6.16.21 GCC 4.1.0

Red Hat Enterprise Linux 5

> Linux 2.6.18 GCC 4.1.1

Ubuntu **Feisty Faun** 7.04

> Linux 2.6.20

GCC 4.1.2

Kubuntu **Feisty Faun** 7.04

> Linux 2.6.20

GCC 4.1.2

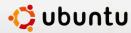
KDE 3.5.7

Binary Applications

- Multiple Dependencies
- **Certifications**
- **Packaging**









Binary Distributions

Different, Incompatible **Platforms**



The Monolith and The Cloud





Best of Both Worlds





OpenSolaris

(Project Indiana)

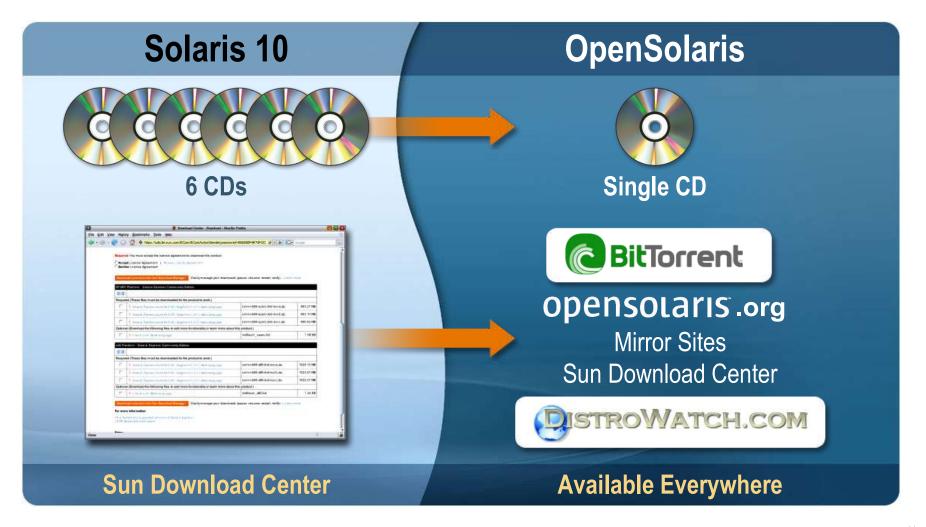


- Solaris innovation with "distribution" model
 - Core operating system + package repositories delivering Sun and non-Sun innovation
- Closing the "familiarity gap"
 - Easier to acquire, easier to install, GNU userland, package management system, ...
- Focus on unique Solaris capabilities
 - Upgrade rollback via ZFS snapshots, AMP stack with integrated DTrace probes, binary compatibility, ...
- Available May 2008, Developer Preview 2 available now (http://www.opensolaris.org)



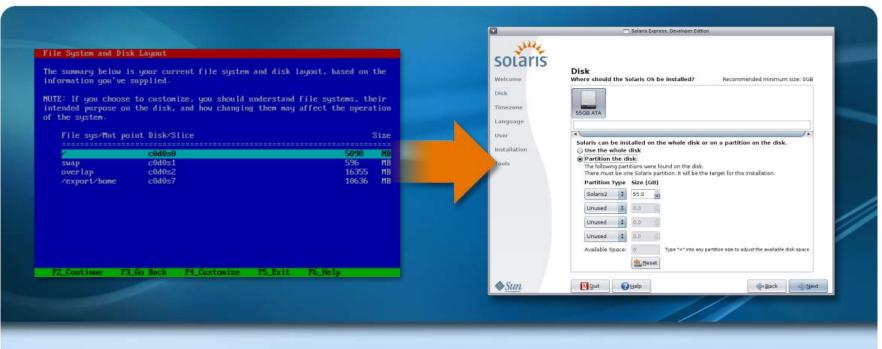
Easy to Acquire

Redistributable CD





Easy to Install



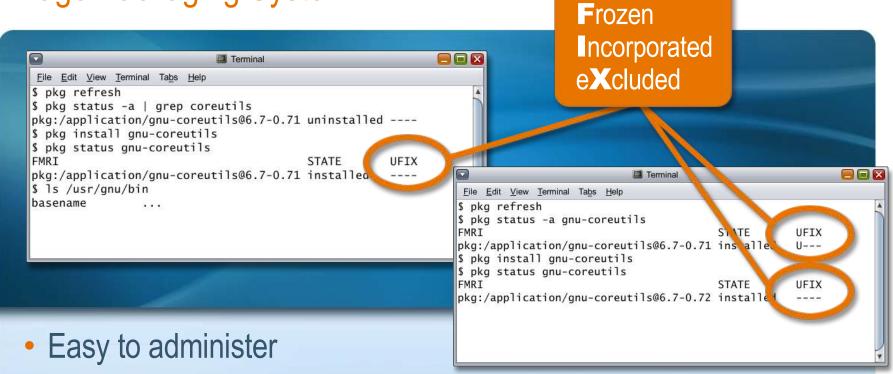
- Simplified install and upgrade
- Localized graphical installer
- Automates basic system configuration



Upgradable

Easy to Maintain

Image Packaging System



- Easy to package for the developer
- More frequent fixes
- Upgrade and rollback with ZFS snapshots



Two-Tier Release Model

One Solaris Platform, Two Delivery Mechanisms



- Enterprise-class
- Unmatched level of support
- Long release cycle (3 – 5 years, with frequent updates)

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- Web economy
- Latest Solaris innovations
- Short release cycle (every 6 months)



So... What's next?



"[Open source is] the most significant all-encompassing and long-term trend that the software industry has seen since the early 1980s."

IDC Group Report August 2006

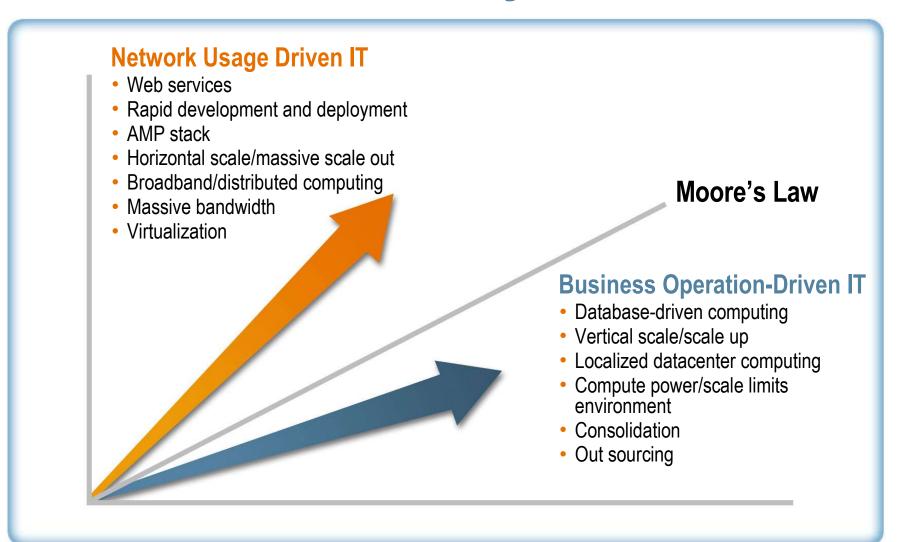


Why open source?

- It's not actually about source
- It's more about
 - Choice
 - > Flexibility
 - > Ecosystem
 - > "Innovation happens everywhere"
 - > Reaching the developer community
 - ... and it's part of a much larger trend



The Network Economy





The New Software Market

Acquisition

Deployment

c.1970-1980

Indivisible From Hardware

c.1980-2005

Sold Unbundled

c.2005-

Pay at the Point of Value









Bottom-Up Deployment

People Deploy What's Accessible to Them





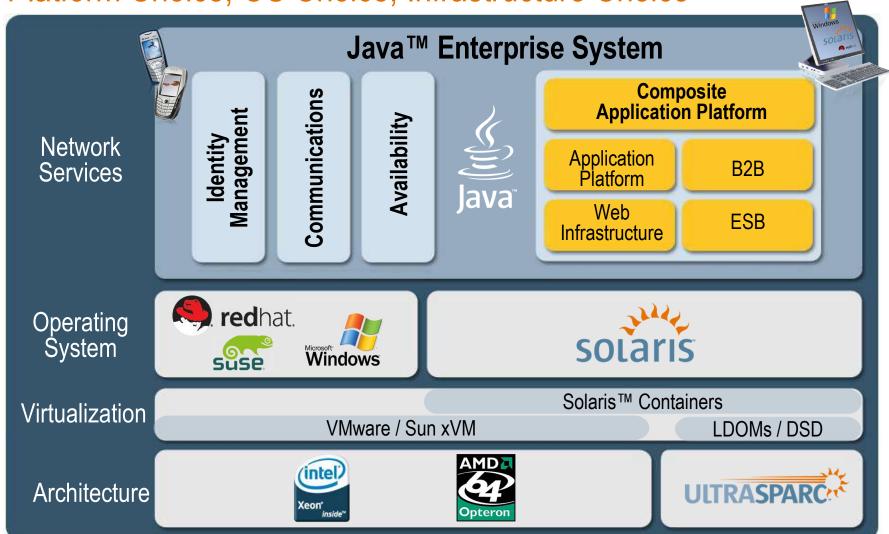
Sun in the Systems Market

A Few Years Ago...





Sun in the Systems Market: 2008 Platform Choice, OS Choice, Infrastructure Choice





Business model

New Consumers, Communities, Content, **Devices, and Services.**

On the Network...

Drives Infrastructure Demand.



Software Storage STORAGETEK Servers **SPARC 64**

Microelectronics

Volume

...drives...

Value



Observations

- Open source business model
- Developer platforms of choice moving up the stack
- Traditional Sun platforms are increasingly invisible infrastructure
- New platforms remove barriers to entry and hide complexity so developers can focus on getting to market quickly



Opportunities

- No one "owns" the web
 - > Reminds me of open source in 1990s...
- Most of the hot new platforms are silos
 - > Haven't we seen this movie before?
- Where do down the stack technologies fit (e.g., do operating systems still matter?)



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