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Linux platform being developed for Asia

The new server platform is going to be called Asianux

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JANUARY 07, 2004 ([IDG NEWS SERVICE](#)) - Japan's Miracle Linux Corp. and China's Red Flag Software Co. are jointly developing a Linux server platform for corporate and government users in the Asian market.

Working together at Oracle Corp.'s China Development Center in Beijing, the companies plan to collaborate on creating Asianux, a Linux server operating environment providing a common kernel, library and packages for server operating systems, the companies said today. The overarching goal to is to build Linux standards in the Asian market, the companies said.

Red Flag, a Linux operating system vendor, and Miracle Linux, a Linux server operating system developer, will individually distribute and market Asianux and plan to base new products such as Red Flag DC 4.1 and Miracle Linux Version 3.0 on Asianux. Miracle Linux and Red Flag, along with Oracle, will offer joint technical support for all Asianux-

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based products.

Oracle owns a 58.5% stake in Miracle Linux, according to the company's [Web site](#).

Representatives from Red Flag and Miracle Linux couldn't immediately comment on when products using Asianux will be available.

Hardware and software from Oracle and other companies that take advantage of Asianux will be certified at Oracle's China Development Center. The advantage of such a joint certification program will be in getting products to market in a more timely fashion while offering consumers a greater choice of software and hardware products using Linux, the companies said.

In addition to the Asianux collaboration, Miracle Linux is also looking into distributing Red Flag's desktop operating system in Japan in collaboration with [Red Flag](#), the companies said.

Following a desire to crack the dominance of Western software companies in the operating system and applications market in Asia, the governments of Japan, China and South Korea have actively been promoting the development of Linux as an alternative to Microsoft Corp.'s products. In September, the governments launched a joint open-source software project aimed at developing desktop applications, embedded programs, middleware and operating systems.

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