

RE: Should we stay with M\$

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Open Office uses data connections to emulate what Access does, but without locking your into one particular database. The user asking the first question can use Adabas, PervasiveSQL, Firebird (www.firebirdsql.org) for some C databases. Then OpenOffice can also setup JDBC and ODBC datasources. Some standalone JDBC databases freebies are out there. One is HSQLDB (hsqldb.sourceforge.net) a pure Java Database I've used this a bit, it's pretty nice. You'll need to have the JVM configured for Open Office. Anyways, there is a little more input on the subject.

Good luck to the original poster. I believe using Linux is always better than using Windows (personal preference). You can always get off cheaper....in licenses alone. You'll also find that once you understand Linux and have more Linux machines that connectivity between them and running applications from other machines and things like that is extremely easy, check out tunneling through ssh....remote X is awesome. Run an app on your desktop which is actually running on the server without actually going into any "Remote Connection."

On the server side if you really need ASP you can use Chili Soft ASP from Sun and their server product is pretty cheap. There are tons of Java and PHP solutions, and I have many other pionters for you to the overall advantages....there really are too many to list in one email. I say yes in most cases, but it depends on your solution all in all. Do your internal users only have Windows PCs and can you actually swith them all over to Linux? What costs are involved? Usually hardware is not one if you have PCs already and don't need Windows...or you can dual boot in some cases or use Code Weavers. Training may be an issue...how much down time can you incur things like that....that will be up to how competent your users are and how willing management is to go to new platforms. It will also probably end up being determined by other software investments your company has in other things as well....like proprietary software packages that may only run on Windows....

Hope that helps....

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RedHat: RE: Should we stay with M\$

-----Original Message-----

From: redhat-list-admin@redhat.com [mailto:redhat-list-admin@redhat.com]

On Behalf Of Dave Ihnat

Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2003 11:57 AM

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Subject: Re: Should we stay with M\$

On Thu, Sep 11, 2003 at 10:08:01AM -0400, Reuben D. Budiardja wrote:

- > *If you only need a personal db, then it's really up to you to keep*
- > *using*
- > *Access, although there are open source solution for something like*
- that too**
- > *(eg. openoffice).*

Just to clarify--unless something has changed recently, there's no DB in OpenOffice.

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