Open source has become synonymous with innovation. The reasons are clear -- open source fosters collaboration, speed and interoperability. But what happens when open source isn’t truly open? That is, if using an open source solution actually locks you into a particular solution stack or forces you to stay with a particular vendor? This potential for “lock in” can cause a nightmare for your business, limiting your agility and inhibiting the speed of innovation.

With three decades of open source expertise, Linux and Kubernetes leadership, openness and interoperability, customer and community-led innovation, SUSE is committed to putting the open back in open source.
SUSE Liberty Linux at a Glance:

SUSE Liberty Linux is a new technology and support offering that provides customers a unified support experience for managing their heterogeneous IT environments. With SUSE Liberty Linux, you get trusted support with optional proven management tools that are optimized for mixed Linux environments, including Red Hat Enterprise Linux, CentOS, and as you would expect SUSE Linux Enterprise Server. The three pillars of SUSE Liberty Linux are:

- **Enterprise Grade Support**
  With SUSE Liberty Linux, you get enterprise grade support for your entire mixed Linux environment from a world class technical support team. That means that your support experience becomes simple because you are calling one support number and one team for all your support cases – no matter what the Linux distro.

  Access your support 24/7/365 via chat, email or phone. And, with teams across the globe, SUSE has true follow-the-sun support in local languages. In addition, your support entitlement comes with guaranteed business critical SLAs and ongoing communication from problem identification to resolution.

  You’re in safe hands with SUSE market-leading customer support and industry-leading broad and deep enterprise Linux expertise.

- **Management Tools that Automate**
  SUSE Liberty Linux works well with SUSE Manager as an optional automation and management tool. That means you can simplify and streamline your disparate Linux environment – from core to cloud and all the way to the edge. And because SUSE Manager manages all your systems, your system administrators just need to monitor a single pane of glass to keep track of their health.

  SUSE Manager also reduces the complexity that comes with managing multiple and mixed distributions. Regain control of IT assets by automating software updates and patches for whole systems or individual packages. With the help of the built-in automation and orchestration features included with SUSE Manager, you can extend and expand the power of a single administrator. This has the effect of making it exponentially easier for your admins to keep your systems more reliably secure (by scheduling the deployment of updates and patches).

  Using SUSE Manager with SUSE Liberty Linux drives efficiencies by shifting routine work away from your IT staff and integrating smart automation. The result: minimize staffing costs and reduce the time for system deployment and updates, even in complex DevOps scenarios. This frees your staff to do the innovative work your business requires.

- **Zero Disruptions, Complete Compatibility**
  You know what Linux distribution you need for your workloads. SUSE Liberty Linux enables you to leverage your existing distributions, while also receiving consolidated maintenance patches, security updates and world class support from a single company.

  With SUSE Liberty Linux, you receive fully binary compatible security patches and maintenance updates
for your entire Linux estate. This keeps your infrastructure up-to-date and secure, ensuring high availability, resilient storage, and bullet proof load balancing.

There is no migration worry which means there is no disruption to your current environment. As such, your applications and workloads will continue to run as designed.

Future proof your data center

SUSE Liberty Linux provides application compatibility with RHEL and CentOS and provides a trusted, stable alternative to CentOS Stream. SUSE Liberty Linux provides a seamless migration from CentOS/RHEL to an enterprise, production-ready OS. Reduce costs and avoid vendor lock-in by partnering with a company that has your best interest at heart; not theirs.

Maximize developer agility

The application compatibility with SUSE Liberty Linux lets you move applications back and forth between development and production without technical or licensing blockers. SUSE provides production-level support with follow-the-sun, regional support, and premium support services.

Deploy cloud-native workloads

Many enterprises are building new cloud-native apps, rearchitect existing core business apps, operate workloads to the cloud and edge, or run complex AI, ML, and analytics. 80-85% of customers deploying cloud-native applications are deployed on CentOS. SUSE Liberty Linux provides these customers with a stable OS that provides application compatibility from an established open-source company with three decades of enterprise Linux expertise.

Operating system support

Included: RHEL, CentOS (same versions as RHEL, not CentOS Stream), SLES

- RHEL/CentOS versions supported: 8, 7, 6 (Reactive LTSS), 5 (XLSS; upon request)
- RHEL extensions: High Availability, Resilient Storage and Load Balancer (covered with Liberty HA extension)
- RHEL AppStreams
- Support covers only the most recent minor release of each major supported version
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