Oracle And Red Hat To Submit Red Hat Linux Advanced Server For Industry's First Independent Security Evaluation Of Linux

Commitment to Unbreakable Linux Drives Security Evaluation for Public and Private Sector Customers Worldwide

(http://www.oracle.com/tellmemore/?1623351) Oracle Corp. (NASDAQ: ORCL), the world's largest enterprise software company and Red Hat, Inc. (NASDAQ:RHAT), the world's premier open source Linux provider, today announced their intent to submit Red Hat Linux Advanced Server for a Common Criteria (ISO 15408) evaluation at Evaluation Assurance Level (EAL) 2. Submitting the evaluation is expected to enable security-conscious customers in both the public and private sector to procure an evaluated Linux operating system upon which they can run enterprise applications. In the future, Oracle and Red Hat intend to work toward achieving further security evaluations of the Linux operating system. This complements a related announcement issued today by Oracle outlining the companies' intention to submit Oracle9i Database Release 2 on Linux operating system for a formal security evaluation at EAL4. (See related release: http://www.oracle.com/corporate/press/index.html?1623353.html)"Oracle is the leader in information assurance and we further strengthen our leadership role by submitting Red Hat Linux Advanced Server for a formal evaluation," said Mary Ann Davidson, chief security officer at Oracle Corporation. "Increasingly Oracle's security-conscious customers are interested in deploying Linux. By extending our security commitment to include Unbreakable Linux, we are helping meet our customers' demands for a secure operating environment.""There exists an urgent need for global standards to measure security capability and software assurance for secure IT infrastructures," said Paul Cormier, executive vice president of Engineering at Red Hat. "Red Hat is committed to providing our customers with an evaluated Linux platform to help them better analyse and deploy Linux and open source technologies. Our partnership with Oracle to enable Red Hat Linux Advanced Server security evaluation will benefit the entire open source Linux community."Secure Linux For AllBy submitting Red Hat Linux Advanced Server for the Common Criteria evaluation at EAL2, Oracle and Red Hat can help provide customers who demand high levels of security with a secure operating system alternative. Security-aware enterprises and government agencies are expected to be able to take advantage of the benefits that leading Linux providers such as Red Hat offer. Further, systems integrators and independent software vendors, and independent hardware vendors can benefit from the evaluation by being able to provide a competitive offering on the Linux platform to potential customers who require evaluated products."The Defense Department is committed to information assurance and welcomes the addition of evaluated products," said Robert Gorrie, deputy director of Defense-Wide Information Assurance Program for the Secretary of Defense. "Oracle and Red Hat working together to obtain a security evaluation for the Linux operating system creates additional product options for the Department."The security evaluation materials are expected to be made available to the larger open-source Linux community. This is in compliance with the U.S. government's security policy directive, NSTISSP (National Security Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Policy) number 11, in effect since July 1, 2002, that requires independent security evaluations for products used in national security systems.About OracleOracle is the world's largest enterprise software company. For more information about Oracle, visit our Web site at http://www.oracle.com.About Red HatRed Hat is the world's premier open source and Linux provider. Red Hat is headquartered in Raleigh, N.C. and has offices worldwide. Please visit Red Hat on the Web at http://www.redhat.com # # #TrademarksOracle is a registered trademark of Oracle Corporation and/or its affiliates. LINUX is a trademark of Linux Torvalds. RED HAT is a registered trademark of Red Hat, Inc. All other names and trademarks are the property of their respective owners.