

# SGI Altix 3000 named 'product of the year' by editors of Linux Journal Magazine

SGI today announced that its SGI(r) Altix 3000 family of servers and superclusters has been named Product of the Year by the editors of Linux Journal. The award-winning monthly magazine recently revealed its Editors' Choice Awards winners, with the Linux(r) OS-based SGI Altix system taking top honors. "We are proud that the editors of Linux Journal have singled out the SGI Altix 3000 family above all other Linux products," said Dave Parry, senior vice president and general manager, Server and Platform Group, SGI. "By delivering massive scalability, an optimized yet standard 64-bit Linux environment and global shared-memory access across nodes, SGI Altix 3000 truly stands out among Linux offerings for its extensive capabilities and unparalleled price/performance." The Linux Journal award reflects continued success for the Altix 3000 family, which earned "Best of Show" honors at its January introduction at the LinuxWorld Conference and Expo 2003. Linux Journal's Editors' Choice Awards are well known as the premier forum recognizing outstanding product developments and achievements in the Linux market. A panel of distinguished Linux experts was assembled to nominate products for the awards. Linux Journal editors chose the final winners from among the nominations. The SGI Altix 3000 family of servers and superclusters combines SGI(r) supercomputing architecture with Intel(r) Itanium(r) 2 processors and the Linux operating system. SGI Altix 3000 is recognized as the first Linux cluster that scales up to 64 processors within each node and the first cluster ever to allow global shared-memory access across nodes. Inspired by the success of the SGI Altix family and the powerful combination of standard Linux on Intel(r) processors, more than 50 high-performance manufacturing, science, energy and environmental applications have been ported by their commercial developers to the 64-bit Linux environment, more than half of which have been certified and optimized for the platform. Availability SGI Altix 3000 servers and superclusters supporting up to 128 new Intel Itanium 2 processors are available today from SGI. For customers demanding even larger Altix superclusters, SGI expects to support configurations of 256 processors in August and 512 processors in October 2003. Additional Altix system technical and availability information is posted on <[www.sgi.com/servers/altix](http://www.sgi.com/servers/altix)>. The Altix family also won "Best Linux Hardware" honors at LinuxUser & Developer Expo. The inaugural LinuxUser & Developer Awards were presented at the Network Industry Awards ceremony in Birmingham, England on the June 24, 2003, the first day of the LinuxUser & Developer Expo-The Linux Zone. Judges selected the winners from nominations from readers of LinuxUser & Developer magazine. This news release contains forward-looking statements regarding SGI technologies and third-party technologies that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in such statements. The reader is cautioned not to rely unduly on these forward-looking statements, which are not a guarantee of future or current performance. 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