

“Through the definition and testing of operating system interfaces, the **LSB creates a stable platform** that benefits both developers and users.”

– *Linus Torvalds*

“I have often said that **the most important Open Source project today is the Linux Standard Base project.**”

– *Jon “Maddog” Hall*

“Community-built software and community-built standards are two sides of the same coin. **Standards help ensure that the freedom to invent**, the essence of Open Source and of Linux, doesn’t compromise the ability to write software that works together effectively.”

– *Brian Behlendorf*

“This is definitely **one of the biggest advancements for Linux.**”

– *Marc Merlin*

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Free Standards Group

Growing the acceptance of Open Source technologies

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The Free Standards Group fulfills a critical need for developers and users to have a common behavioral standard, making development and deployment across Linux distributions easier.

Supported by Linux community and IT industry leaders alike, the Free Standards Group is a non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating the use and acceptance of open source technologies through the development, application and promotion of standards.

WORKGROUPS

The Free Standards Group creates standards derived only from free and open source software. Through its workgroups, the organization directs several important initiatives, including:

Linux Standard Base (LSB) standardizes the base foundation of a Linux system, allowing for the ultimate portability of applications across conforming runtime environments.

www.linuxbase.org

Open Internationalization Initiative (OpenI18N) standardizes the foundation for language globalization for operating systems and applications.

www.openi18n.org

Linux Assigned Names and Numbers Authority (LANANA) provides name space assignments for Linux. LANANA prevents name-space collisions by providing a responsive, easy-to-use registration service.

www.lanana.org

OpenPrinting. Our newest workgroup is creating a scalable printing architecture and high-level requirements for a standardized printing system.

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CERTIFICATION

In addition to creating freely available specifications, test suites and tools, the Free Standards Group has developed a certification program for the LSB.

A mere six months after its initial release, every major Linux distribution vendor has applied for and achieved LSB Certification. LSB Certification is now being insisted upon by top IT leaders for their Linux enterprise deployments.

LSB Certification gives developers, IT decision-makers and end-users confidence that certified products work together – making deployment on any system, large or small, much easier while decreasing total development and maintenance costs.

LSB Certification is not a profit center for the Free Standards Group. Prices are kept to a minimum to encourage developers, ISVs and Linux distributions to become LSB Certified.

Learn more about LSB Certification at www.freestandards.org/certification.

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