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Dell's Ubuntu Computers Address Personal Use Only

What a shame!

The Ubuntu Dell systems deal with the "Home and Home Office" category and only that. According to [cosborn72](#), an Ubuntu Forums user, Dell refused selling him one of its Ubuntu Dell systems because he intended to buy it for his business and not for personal use only. After contacting Dell's small business departments, the above mentioned user, (cosborn72) found out it could not order one of the Ubuntu computers through that department, which is not actually surprisingly at all so far, as the respective systems were placed to the "Home and Home Office" category. Therefore the client went to the home department. Here is where the surprise was to come. The Dell representative the man contacted responded: *"these Dell computers are designed for personal use only, as long as you use it for personal use, you can purchase one."* But that's not all. If you lie and say you buy the system for yourself and not for your business you'll stumble upon another problem at pay time, in case you intend using the business credit card. Dell would accept only personal cards. What a shame. A while ago, Dell Inc. company made an announcement according to which it would start releasing desktop computers and notebook systems with pre-installed Linux as an option. At the time Dell said it did not decide on what Linux distro would be shipped with their systems. In the end, after the suspense and rumors reached a really high quota, Canonical broke the silence and stated that its brand new Ubuntu 7.04, Feisty Fawn, was the chosen Linux version to run on Dell's computers. The open source fans got so excited with the idea that they even set up online motions to convince Dell to start selling the systems outside the US too.