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Jack Messman
Novell CEO

[Windows Vista's Price Will Encourage the Migration Towards Linux, Novell Thinks](#)

Novell Linux Desktop 9

Novell thinks that Windows Vista's price could represent an opportunity for Linux. Jack Messman, CEO Novell, said during Novell's Brain Share, which took place in Barcelona, Spain, that switching from Windows XP to Windows Vista will be more expensive than switching from Windows XP to Linux. In Jack Messman's vision, Linux, and especially Novell, should take advantage of this opportunity and Novell's CEO also believes that Novell Linux Desktop 9 is the ideal distribution, especially for the business type users. The issue concerning the costs for maintaining and implementing an OS has long been debated by professionals and it represents one of the most frequent criticisms brought to Microsoft's OS. So far, Microsoft hasn't published any details about the price scheme it plans for Windows Vista, but ever since the Redmond company announced the hardware requirements, many experts have started to link the fee for a license with the amounts of money that will be invested in a PC that would allow you to run the OS. This week, Softpedia takes you for an e-mail client tour. [Vote for your favorite e-mail application.](#)