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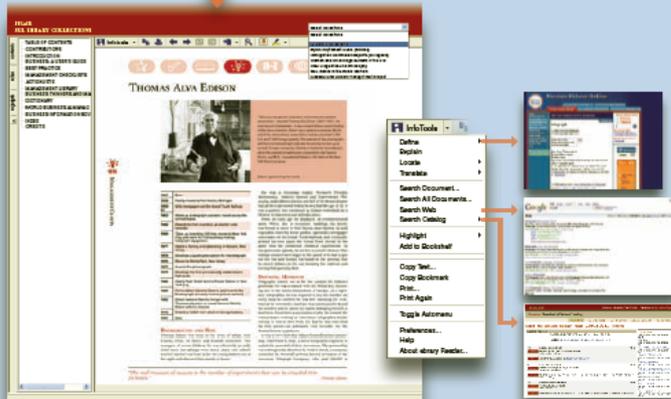


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 **Webmaster Wisdom**

Java™ and "JavaScript" sound kind of the same, so you might be wondering if they're related. Yes, they are, but only as distant cousins. The only thing they have in common is that the JavaScript programming language is basically a scaled-down version of Java. Other than that, they're completely different. The main difference is that you can construct JavaScript programs using a simple text editor, but creating Java programs requires a separate hunk of software called a *compiler*.

Java: A Piping Hot Mug of Browser-Based Programs

Here are a few advantages that Java programs have over traditional software:

- ◆ The programs are sent to your browser and are started "behind the scenes." You don't have to worry about installation, setup, or loading because your browser takes care of all that dirty work for you.
- ◆ The programs are designed to work on just about any system. Whether you're running Windows, a Mac, or a Unix machine, Java programs run without complaint.
- ◆ Java is secure. When people hear about Java, their first concern is that some pimply-faced programmer who has succumbed to the dark side of The Force will send them a Java virus. But Java has built-in safeguards to prevent such attacks.
- ◆ Because you're always sent the latest and greatest version of the program when you access a site, you don't need to worry about upgrades and new releases.

So what do you need to start sipping some of this Java stuff? All you really need is a web browser that knows what the heck to do with any Java applet that comes its way. The latest versions of most browsers are now Java-jolted. Netscape has been Java-aware since version 2.0, and Internet Explorer has done Java since version 3.0. In other words, you

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One glitch was suffered by STEP Labs, a technology, called STEPware Auto, which faltered during live playback. "I don't know," said John Hickerson.

Toktumi was the next with egg on its face. The phone service to work, co-founder and CEO, looks like we're experiencing some technical difficulties. It appears to have been edited.

And so it went. "Unfortunately, the app crashed when his turn came. (Zodiac's video replay.)" Another presenter had a

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year (including the DB2 database and Domino server); now it forms a major part of the company's strategy.

The past two to three years have brought us to a point where Linux is regarded as mainstream. All major industry players in both the hardware and software sectors (apart from Microsoft and its close collaborators) have adopted Linux or have a Linux strategy.

The takeover of SUSE by Novell at the end of 2003, and Novell's enthusiastic conversion to Linux, is a logical part of that process and is certain to accelerate Linux adoption globally.

SUSE History

SUSE is the oldest existing company in the world, founded in 1992 near Nuremberg in Germany in 1994.

A very frequently asked question for *Software and System Engineers* (not, if the truth be told, a technical question) is: what is the full name of SUSE? More accurately, the company marketing people gradually ing people are prone to do. the risk of anachronism.

The company was founded by Bodo Eder, Burchard Steinbild, and Thomas Fehr, who were still at University studying mathematics; Thomas Fehr had already graduated and was working as a software engineer. The original intention was that the company would do consulting work and software development for clients; according to Hubert Mantel's account, this did not work out very well as work was in short supply, and after a while the group had the idea of distributing Linux. Initially the company distributed a version of Linux called SLS (Soft Landing Systems). Later they switched to Slackware, producing a German-language version in cooperation with Slackware's founder, Patrick Volkerking.

According to Bodo Bauer's recollection, the SUSE people decided that rather than constantly fixing bugs in Slackware before shipping their translated and enhanced version, it would be better to produce their own distribution. They also felt the lack of a good installation and configuration tool in Slackware. The result was that SUSE took Florian LaRoche's Jurix distribution as a starting point and started to develop YaST.

The first true SUSE distribution was released in May 1996 and was numbered 4.2 (an intentional reference to the use of the number 42 in *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams).

At the time that early versions of Red Hat (and Red Hat clones) were ubiquitous in the United States, SUSE Linux gained popularity in Europe. SUSE became a worldwide company with the establishment of offices in the United States (1997) and in the U.K. (1999).

SUSE never attempted an IPO, although there were rumors that this would happen at one stage. Instead, the company went through a number of rounds of funding from venture capitalist and industry sources. Over-optimism and too rapid an expansion led to a point in 2001 when the company was forced to downsize significantly to survive. After that time, stricter

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