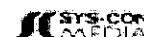
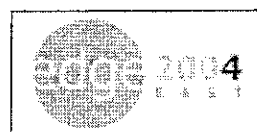
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For some reason or another that probably has to do with not wanting to court the wrath of the penguinistas for pandering to the industry's current pariah, Sun's identity was supposed to be kept a big secret. Well, scratch that idea. Now it can only use the opportunity to try to make IBM look bad.

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Sun's existing license reportedly only went as far as SVR4.2. Its new license is supposed to cover SVR5.

Neither Microsoft nor Sun is friendly to Linux. Sun sells Linux machines – albeit not many – under duress and after coming late to the market. Like Microsoft before it, Sun is likely to be accused of trying to destroy Linux for the stake of its proprietary OS, Solaris x86.

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