

Swiss canton Solothurn is migrating 2000 desktops to Debian GNU Linux

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The largest open source project in Switzerland runs "smoothly, the conversion is a complete success and a major step forward", summarizes Kurt Bader, director of the Office for Computer Science and Organization (Amts für Informatik und Organisation - AIO).

Among the decision factors as stability, security, virus immunity, flexibility, liberation of market constraints and objective savings, two arguments stood out:

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"The substantial success factor is the direct communication with our coworkers", said Bader.

All department representatives and or users were involved since the conceptual analysis.

The stability of the system and the potential savings helped to convince the government of the

canton of Solothurn to stay with the plan for the next four to eight years.

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