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UEFI Technology Adopted by Linux Community

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Beaverton, Ore. – March 19, 2013 – The [Unified Extensible Firmware Interface \(UEFI\) Forum](#), a world-class, non-profit industry standards body of leading technology companies that promotes firmware innovation by creating specifications that enable the continual evolution of platform technologies, is gaining momentum as use of UEFI specifications increases in Linux-based operating systems, such as [Ubuntu 12.10](#), [Fedora 18](#) and [OpenSUSE 12.3](#).

UEFI specifications enable cross-functionality between devices, software and systems. By design, UEFI technology lends itself to utility and applicability across a range of platforms. Including UEFI Secure Boot in Linux-based distributions allows users to boot alternate operating systems without disabling UEFI Secure Boot. It also allows users to run the software they choose in the most secure and efficient way possible, promoting interoperability and technical innovation.

UEFI specifications are designed to enhance security and standardization while allowing a speedier boot time. Companies responsible for delivering backup and disaster recovery for servers, desktops, laptops and virtual machines rely on robust UEFI technology to ensure crucial data remains protected under all circumstances. In the event of a system outage, use of UEFI technology reduces downtime and loss of revenue.

“The increasing use of UEFI technology in Linux and proprietary systems is a testament to its ability to deliver next-generation technologies for nearly any platform,” said Mark Doran, president, UEFI Forum.

“It’s exciting to watch UEFI enable the evolution of firmware technology in a variety of sectors as it continues to gain momentum.”

About UEFI Forum

Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) Forum is a world-class non-profit industry standards body that works in partnership to enable the evolution of platform technologies. The UEFI Forum champions firmware innovation through industry collaboration and the advocacy of a standardized interface that simplifies and secures platform initialization and firmware boot strap operations. Both developed and supported by representatives from industry-leading technology companies, UEFI specifications promote business and technological efficiency, improve performance and security, facilitate interoperability between devices, platforms and systems, and comply with next-generation technologies. To learn more about the UEFI Forum, visit [UEFI.org](https://uefi.org).

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