

More on Fedora (Flock), IBM/Red Hat and Servers/HPC

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As usual, the conference began with Matthew Miller's traditional 'State of Fedora' address wherein he uses pretty graphs to confound and amaze us. Oh, and reminds us that we've come a long way in Fedora and we have much further to go together, still.

Next was a keynote by Cate Huston of Automattic (now the proud owners of both WordPress and Tumblr, apparently!). She talked to us about the importance of understanding when a team has become dysfunctional and some techniques for getting back on track.

After lunch, Adam Samalik gave his talk, 'Modularity: to modularize or not to modularize??', describing for the audience some of the cases where Fedora Modularity makes sense and some cases where other packaging techniques are a better choice. This was one of the more useful sessions for me. Once Adam gave his prepared talk, the two of us took a series of great questions from the audience. I hope that we did a good job of disambiguating some things, but time will tell how that works out. We also got some suggestions for improvements we could make, which were translated into Modularity Team tickets: [here](#) and [here](#).

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IBM's cloud strategy has gone through a number of iterations as it attempts to offer a compelling hybrid cloud to shift its customers from traditional IT architectures to modern cloud computing.

IBM is gambling those customers who have yet to embrace the public cloud fully, remain committed to private and hybrid cloud-based infrastructure, and, if they do use public clouds, they want a cloud-agnostic approach to move workloads. In July, IBM closed the \$34bn purchase of Red Hat, an acquisition it hopes will finally enable it to deliver cloud-agnostic products and services.

To tie in with the completion of the acquisition of Red Hat, IBM commissioned Forrester to look at the benefits to those organisations that are both Red Hat and IBM customers.

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Open source software (OSS), by definition, has source code that's available for anyone to see, learn from, use, modify, and distribute. It's also the foundation for a model of collaborative invention that empowers communities of individuals and companies to innovate in a way that proprietary software doesn't allow.

Enterprise open source software is OSS that's supported and made more secure by a company like Red Hat for enterprise use. It plays a strategic role in many organizations and continues to gain popularity.

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