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## Compaq and OSDN Create Clustering Foundry for Open Source Community

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HOUSTON and ACTON, Mass., Nov. 13 /PRNewswire/ -- Compaq Computer Corporation (NYSE: [CPO](#) - [news](#)) and OSDN, a subsidiary of VA Linux Systems, Inc. (Nasdaq: [LNIX](#) - [news](#)), today announced the launch of the first-ever Clustering Foundry on SourceForge.net, the world's largest Open Source development Website. The SourceForge.net Clustering Foundry makes Compaq's 20 years of research and expertise in the area of compute and high-availability clustering available to the Open Source community.

"Compaq engineers have been developing and fine-tuning cluster technology for more than 20 years," said Gary Campbell, vice president of enterprise server strategy for the Office of the CTO at Compaq. "With our new clustering foundry, Compaq is providing the first central place for the Open Source community to share ideas and collaborate on clustering projects -- further solving important business problems and propelling enterprise wide uses of Linux technology."

To make enterprise server clusters more manageable, Compaq has now released its Single System Image (SSI) Clustering Technology to the Open Source community. SSI treats multiple servers as if they were one server, giving administrators and application users a single view of the cluster to simplify common system tasks such as load balancing, server expansion on demand, password sign-on, software upgrades, and application access.

"From genomics to pharmaceutical research to rendering special effects, Linux clusters are already helping to solve some of the most compute-intensive challenges we see today," said Brian Finley, SourceForge.net Clustering Foundry guide and author of SystemImager software. "We hope to grow the SourceForge.net Clustering Foundry into a fundamental part of the clustering technology landscape, connecting developers, projects and users."

SourceForge.net Foundries provide a framework for inter-project collaboration in specific technology areas such as Open Source clustering, printing and storage. In addition to providing developers with the information, discussion forums and tools they need to develop and contribute to clustering software projects, the SourceForge.net Clustering Foundry is also developing a comprehensive menu of links to topic areas ranging from message passing interfaces to cluster file systems.

#### About OSDN and SourceForge.net

OSDN, the Open Source Development Network, a subsidiary of VA Linux, is the leading news, exchange, collaboration and distribution community for Open Source development, implementation and innovation. Each month, more than five million people visit OSDN destinations -- including SourceForge.net, Slashdot, freshmeat.net, NewsForge, Linux.com, and ThinkGeek -- delivering more than 110 million page views per month. OSDN sites offer development tools, distribution and discussion channels, cutting-edge editorial, and ongoing education and evangelism with Open Source luminaries. OSDN's SourceForge.net is the world's largest Open Source development website, currently supporting more than 29,000 software projects and over 280,000 users. Information on OSDN sites, events, services and sponsorships is available at <http://www.osdn.com> .

#### Compaq Linux Solutions

Compaq provides Linux solutions from the edge of the network to the heart of the IT infrastructure. From Compaq iPAQ handheld devices to market-leading industry-standard ProLiant servers and high-performance AlphaServer systems, Compaq offers the platforms more customers choose for their Linux-based solutions. According to International Data Corporation (IDC), Compaq ProLiant servers are the industry-leading server platform for Linux, with 22 percent market share for the first quarter of 2001.

For more information on Compaq's Linux initiatives, see <http://www.compaq.com/linux> .

#### Company Background

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