

LinuxWorld San Francisco 2006 Recap

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Intro

- LinuxWorld is an bi-annual event that occurs in Boston and San Francisco
- The event consists of conferences and an expo consisting of a large number of booths representing Linux-related companies and projects.
- During this year's event there were several “keynote” speeches that were given throughout the course of the show.
- This year's San Francisco show was at the Moscone Center

Interesting Keynotes

- Lawrence Lessig – Opening Keynote
 - Stressed importance of participatory culture
 - Current environment is legally hostile to a "read-write" culture
 - Fair use is *not* piracy
- Motorola's Greg Besio – Mobile Linux Keynote
 - Goal: at least half of Motorola's smartphones will run Linux
 - Extend Linux to midrange phones (ex: ROKR E2)
 - Committed to support native Linux apps on phones
- XenSource's Peter Levine – Virtualization's impact on IT departments

.org Pavilion Booths

- **Creative Commons**
- **Debian**
- Eclipse Foundation
- **Electronic Frontier Foundation**
- Etherboot Project
- Fedora Project
- **Free Software Foundation**
- Free Standards Group
- **Gentoo Linux**
- **GNOME Foundation**
- Joomla!
- K Desktop Environment (KDE)
- Linux Terminal Server Project (LTSP.org)
- The Linux Test Project
- **openSUSE.org**
- Open Source Software Institute
- PostgreSQL Project
- SugarForge.ORG
- The FreeBSD Project
- **ubuntu**
- X.Org Foundation

My Impressions

- No Redhat Booth - Largest corporate Linux company skips the show floor
- Minimal Nokia presence (I did see the 770 lead at the Motorola after-party)
- Mainly server/enterprise-related companies attending – small amount of embedded Linux
- Apple at LinuxWorld? They really are trying to get that server market! How about some Quicktime/iTunes support?
- Novell's Email checking booth and Slashdot's lounge in the .org pavilion were really cool ideas
- Interesting announcements: Suse preload on Thinkpads, Java open sourcing

Pictures: Lessig



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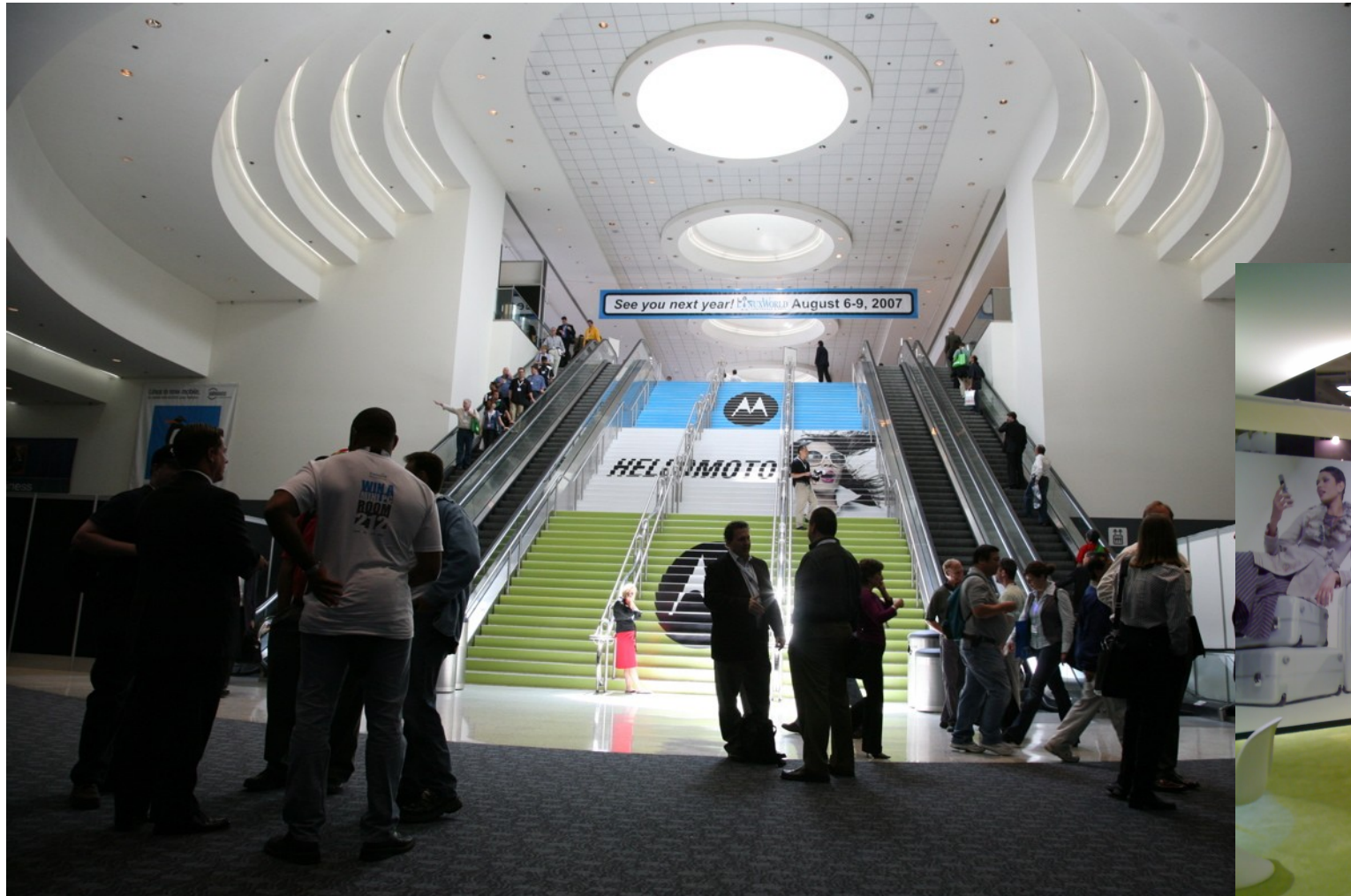
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- LinuxWorld Website - <http://www.linuxworldexpo.com>
- Newsforge coverage of the event - <http://tinyurl.com/fjnhh>