



# Fast Track to Linux\* in the Data Center

What's the next challenge for your organization's data center? Reduce operating costs? Improve reliability? Simplify management? Tighten security? Consolidate systems? Whatever challenge you face, SUSE® Linux Enterprise Server can help you succeed. Fast Track to Linux\* in the Data Center from Novell Consulting® accelerates your Linux deployment process, reduces risk and helps you meet your goals for the data center.

### The Right Direction

Whether you want to deploy it for edge and infrastructure services or enterprise databases and mission-critical applications, SUSE Linux Enterprise Server provides the perfect platform to improve your data center. It includes the resources you need to build an open services infrastructure that's scalable, affordable, manageable and ready for the future.

Available from Novell Consulting, Fast Track to Linux in the Data Center assesses the current state of your data center and provides a low-risk, high-return deployment roadmap. Your roadmap addresses how your data center can improve its operation by taking best advantage of SUSE Linux Enterprise Server and other leading open source technologies. As part of this two-week effort, Novell Consulting and authorized Novell® partners work at your site to help you align

your technology decisions with your strategic business objectives.

### Direction Setting

The first phase of Fast Track to Linux in the Data Center focuses on identifying requirements and prioritizing key activities. This phase also enables you to align your technology decisions with your strategic business objectives by engaging in the following direction-setting activities:

- *Interviewing key stakeholders*
- *Analyzing your current application and infrastructure architecture*
- *Gathering and reviewing capacity and performance data*
- *Assessing Linux infrastructure and application architecture requirements*
- *Identifying and prioritizing Linux opportunities*
- *Performing gap analyses*

### ■ Solutions:

Novell Global Services

### ■ Products:

Fast Track to Linux in the Data Center

Fast Track projects help you accelerate the adoption of Linux in your data center so your business can reap the benefits of simplified management, tightened security and reduced operating costs.

Leveraging world-class expertise, Fast Track to Linux in the Data Center from Novell Consulting helps you plan and optimize your use of Linux across the organization.

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- *Developing high-level business cases and ROI analyses*
- *Assessing technical dependencies, risks and constraints*
- *Defining the future state architecture that achieves business objectives*
- *Creating a Linux adoption roadmap that describes key implementation initiatives and sequencing for successful enterprise adoption*

#### **Proof of Concepts Lab**

The Proof of Concepts Lab investigates, tests and validates a subset of the recommendations developed during the direction-setting phase. These activities may include:

- *Tool selection or implementation*
- *High-level hardware platform evaluation*
- *Configuration or performance tuning*
- *Comparison of file-system and volume-management options*
- *Security best practices demonstration*
- *Evaluation of network and SAN impact*
- *Virtualization technology deployment*
- *Internal skills assessment and training plan development*
- *Knowledge transfer sessions*

#### **Key Benefits**

Why blaze new trails when you can have experienced, world-class guides? With Fast Track to Linux in the Data Center, you receive top-shelf expertise and swift results. Novell provides an experienced consulting team that assesses your systems and then outlines a clear roadmap and business rationale for deploying Linux. This gives you a clear path to a data center Linux environment that's scalable, affordable, manageable and ready for the future.

#### **Global Services and Support**

At Novell, we are committed to building solutions that help you meet business goals. We deliver worldwide services and support through a network of dedicated professionals and partners. Regardless of where you do business, we will be there to provide enterprise-class consulting, support and training for your data center environment. To learn more about Fast Track to Linux in the Data Center, or to contact Novell Consulting Services, visit: [www.novell.com/consulting/expertise/data\\_center.html](http://www.novell.com/consulting/expertise/data_center.html)



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