

First look: Haiku poetically resurrects BeOS

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At the Southern California Linux Expo this past weekend, Google engineer and open-source software developer Bruno de Albuquerque gave a presentation about Haiku, a project devoted to creating an open-source clone of BeOS.

When desktop computing was first beginning its rapid climb towards ubiquity, a little company called Be developed what its users believed was one of the best desktop operating systems of its time. BeOS featured a unique modular microkernel, a revolutionary 64-bit journaling filesystem with database-like indexing and querying capabilities, support for preemptive multitasking, pervasive multithreading, and unrivaled clarity of design. Unfortunately, BeOS never gained mainstream traction and faded into obscurity.

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