Arabeyes pushes Linux with Saudi LUG

by Matthew Southwell

The Saudi Linux User Group (LUG) has teamed up with another local open source group, Arabeyes, to promote Linux from the Saudi Computer Society's stand at Gitex today by handing out free CDs to visitors passing through hall five.

The discs are loaded with Linux operating systems and Arabised open source applications. They have been designed to give local users a taste of what the operating system has to offer.

"These are Arabic CDs with an Arabised version of Morphix, which we call Arabix, on it," says KSA LUG member, Muath Al Khalaf.

"It has everything from the server OS and desktop OS in it. It also has a number of applications, ranging from web servers and mail servers through to Open Office in Arabic for the desktop. There is also the Mozilla browser, which also works in Arabic, and a drawing programme," he adds.

Once users have tried the Linux operating system, both the Saudi LUG and Arabeyes are convinced that they will be hooked on the open source operating system.