



Has the industry gone mad?

Things seem to be a little topsy-turvy lately within the tech world. If you haven't heard there have been two somewhat surprising big news items within the last few months.

IBM Acquires Red Hat

IBM has announced that they are buying Red Hat, a major force in the GNU/Linux world, for \$34 billion. This move is believed to help IBM/Red Hat compete strongly against other cloud service providers like Amazon AWS, Google Compute Engine, and Microsoft Azure. The cloud has been the big trend in 2018, especially with the popularity of Kubernetes*.

Microsoft releases its patents to OIN

Quite surprisingly to many, Microsoft, has released all of its current 60,000 patents to the Open Innovation Network (OIN) an organization to which Microsoft has joined. Which is said to be "... for the benefit of Linux and other open source technologies." A win-Win?

* What is Kubernetes?

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kubernetes>

Kubernetes (commonly stylized as **K8s**) is an open-source container-orchestration system for automating deployment, scaling and management of containerized applications. It was originally designed by Google and is now maintained by the Cloud Native Computing Foundation. It aims to provide a "platform for automating deployment, scaling, and operations of application containers across clusters of hosts". It works with a range of container tools, including Docker, since its first release. Many public-cloud service providers, provide Kubernetes-based PaaS, or IaaS on which Kubernetes can be deployed as a platform-providing service. Many software vendors also provide their own branded Kubernetes distributions.

Here are some photos of the 2018 Christmas Party courtesy of **Tammy Cooper**.





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