

## Santos saves \$2.5m via Red Hat Linux

Energy group Santos found about \$2.5million in savings by rolling out a Red Hat Enterprise Linux solution this year.

Santos also reported it had gained greater stability and faster performance, helping the company reduce its global carbon footprint.

With more than 5,000 staff and headquartered in Adelaide, South Australia, Santos is a high-performance business in oil and gas production in the Asia-Pacific region.

In 2009, Santos called for a new application delivery system that would improve performance and reduce cost. With a complex environment to manage, an increase in data, mounting licensing costs and a deficiency in support, Santos sought out a direct replacement for its main proprietary thin client system in order to avoid the licence outlay and the cost of replacing its workstations.

After extensive investigation,



*Santos found efficiencies through open source computing.*

Santos turned to Red Hat Enterprise Linux and an open source thin client solution, and has been reaping the rewards since the migration.

“For what we need, Red Hat Enterprise Linux was always going to be the underlying system for us, both from a development and production environment perspective,” said Santos information systems manager, Andy Moore.

“Red Hat has been a platform of choice for the oil and gas industry for some time because it’s a preferred development platform for the major geoscience software vendors.”

In addition to achieving immediate savings, Red Hat technology has allowed Santos’ highly valued geoscientists to perform their jobs more efficiently, making them more productive as the company looks to increase its oil and gas reserves.

Additional benefits also include a reduction of more than 300,000 KWh in environmental power per year, reduced office cooling requirements and a reduced carbon footprint through workstation removal.

“Red Hat has been a refreshing change for Santos because it immediately delivered a faster, cheaper, and more stable platform, but it also offered many other operational benefits that quickly became apparent,” said Mr Moore. In May, Santos won

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#### KILLER APPS

*By Ellen Boonstra*

Planet of the Apps Asia 2011, held in Singapore recently, gave delegates ample opportunity to get up to speed on the latest mobile phone technology as well as network with industry professionals.

Organised by business media company Terrapinn, the conference featured presentations by the likes of Skype, Yahoo! and BlackBerry, while fresh startups showcased social gaming apps, mobile photo sharing, virtual stores and other “cool stuff”.

Whether the next Mark Zuckerberg was among the latter group only time (and at least 500 million users) will tell, but *Acumen* came away with tons of useful information and hours of download fun. Planet of the Apps next orbits in Sydney on October 26-28.

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*Many of the Asia Pacific region's brightest smartphone minds attend Planet of the Apps.*

the 2011 Red Hat Innovator of the Year award during Red Hat’s annual conference, Red Hat Summit, in Boston.

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## ANZ uses GBST Syn~

ANZ bank will deploy GBST’s securities transaction platform, Syn~, for the ANZ Global Markets business.



ANZ will use GBST’s Syn~ platform as a complete post trade middle and back office solution. It will enable ANZ to process all types of assets within one system, including fixed income, treasury, equities, and complex OTC derivatives, giving ANZ Global Markets business transparency and

control. It will also be used for central reference data management.

GBST chief executive, Stephen Lake said, “We’re very excited about expanding the good relationship we already have with ANZ in Australia to support the growth of their business globally. In addition to the existing GBST clients already live in multiple markets in Asia on Syn~, we have a further three new Syn~ implementations underway in Asia as well as our first Syn~ implementation in Australia, all of which are due to go live within the next 12 months.

“We are very pleased with the momentum we are now seeing in our Global Broker Services Division after a

period of heavy investment in the product and the restructuring of the business over the past two years. We believe the growth in interest we’re seeing in Syn~ validates it as the next-generation of technology for clearing and settlement in the capital markets.”

GBST’s Syn~ enables financial services organisations to grow their operations in multiple asset classes, markets and currencies in a controlled and scalable manner. The roll out of Syn~ into the Australian market will continue with client commitments already in place for 2012 and 2013.

GBST, based in Brisbane, is delivering Syn~ to ANZ in conjunction with its Asian distribution and integration partner, Serisys.

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