# Week 4

<http://twit.tv/floss/142>: Guest: Karanbir Singh for [CentOS](http://centos.org/)  
  
**~2:25 Why did Randal's previous employer have large (1000s) Red Hat systems deployed.**

A: Because RedHat is very useful for large organization and they use it to build a network and offer service for more than 1000 machines.

**~3:40 What is the short story about how Centos came about?**

A: A few years ago, RedHat changed Linux’s strategy. They offered the subscription which they are going to support to the public. Then, CentOS takes these open sources and build a distribution which is very close to RHEL offering. The only difference is Centos is free.  
  
**~4:58 Who is the largest commercial Enterprise Linux?**

**A:** RHEL  
  
**~7:17 Since Centos appears to be pure piracy - how do the two projects relate to each other?  How do they relate from the RedHat point of view?  
A:** Centos thinks we have a good relationship with RedHat because they do not have real relationship between them. Mr. Singh’s opinion is RedHat is happy what they are doing because they fix issue in Linux and help RedHat solve some problems.

**~8:10 Who from RedHat is not happy with Centos?  
A:** RedHat’s sales and marketing department.

**~10:25 How do Centos users differ from RedHat's paying customers?**

**A:** Centos users do not need technical supports and RedHat’s users need them.   
  
**~19:00. How does the RHEL environment work vs Fedora environment? (RedHat Enterprise Linux)**

**A:** They have different lifecycle. RHEL is 7 to 8 years but Fedora is only 6 months. Too short lifecycle of the system is not good or practical for many users.

**~22:55 Since Centos is using the RHEL code base how long does Centos lag behind the RHEL codebase when a new release is issued?**

**A:** only need 24 hours but if it is main version, time may be longer and it will be a couple of weeks.  
  
**~24:24 How does Centos make money?  
A:** There is no money. They do not get paid.

**~29:00 How does Centos pay for everything?**

**A:** Donations.  
  
**~30:00 Who was Lance Davis and what happened with him?**

**A:** He is a founder of Centos and the main administrator. Once he left the project group for a while because of different opinions with his team members. Then, the team wrote an open letter and asked him to come back.   
  
**~35:00 - Kiran mentioned 2 million users for Centos - what did they do right compared to other projects (whitebox linux) that didn't make it?  
A:** Centos forces on big things. They knew what they need to create and educate their users to use it.

**~44:00 Is Centos for Servers only or can you use it on the Desktop?  
A:** Centos can be for both.

**Personal questions - is what Centos doing legal?  Is it ethical?  Why or why not?**

**A:** I think Centos is legal because it uses open source. However, Centos just likes a spin of RHEL. They do not add enough "value" to be truly different with RHEL. I think it is not ethical.