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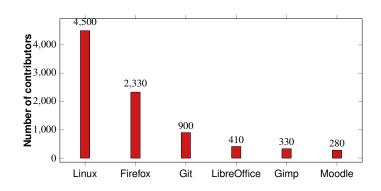


Figure: Number of contributors and their project



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 \Rightarrow Creation of **associations** or **companies** for money management



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- Some companies pay contributors
 - Google, Microsoft, . . .
 - \Rightarrow They need free software!



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Figure: Tux, Linux symbol



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Figure: Wikipédia



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Figure: Knoppix, first distribution with Live CD



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Figure: VNC in use



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