**Evaluating Server and Mobile Operating Systems**

**1. Introduction**

This report compares two operating systems in both server and mobile environments. The selected systems for comparison are Linux vs. Windows Server for servers and Android vs. iOS for mobile devices.

**2. Comparison of Server Operating Systems: Linux vs. Windows Server**

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| Feature | Linux | Windows Server |
| Cost | Free (Open Source) | Paid Licensing |
| Security | Highly secure, fewer attacks | Frequent target for malware |
| Performance | Efficient and lightweight | Requires more resources |
| Support | Community & paid support | Microsoft official support |
| Customization | Highly customizable | Limited customization |
| Software Compatibility | Supports most server applications | Best for Microsoft-based apps |

**3. Comparison of Mobile Operating Systems: Android vs. iOS**

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| Feature | Android | iOS |
| Market Share | ~71% globally | ~28% globally |
| Customization | High | Limited customization |
| Security | Open-source, moderate security | Highly secure, controlled ecosystem |
| App Availability | Google Play Store (~3M apps) | Apple App Store (~2M apps) |
| Ecosystem | Supports various manufacturers | Exclusive to Apple devices |
| Price Range | Available in all price ranges | Premium pricing |

**4. Cost Analysis**

**Cost Comparison for Server OS**

- Linux: Free, additional costs only for enterprise support.

- Windows Server: Licensing cost varies ($500 - $6,000 per year).

- Example Calculation: If a company purchases a Windows Server license for $3,000 per year, the cost over 5 years is:

- 3,000 × 5 = 15,000 USD

- Savings using Linux (without paid support): $15,000 over 5 years.

**Cost Comparison for Mobile OS**

- Android Devices: $500 average cost, replaced every 3 years.

- iOS Devices: $1,200 average cost, replaced every 3 years.

- Example Calculation:

- Total Cost after 3 years:

- Android: $500

- iOS: $1,200

- Savings using Android: $700 after 3 years.

**Cost Comparison Table (USD)**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Operation Systems | Annual Cost | Annual Cost After 3 years | Annual Cost After 5 years |
| Linux (Server) | $0 | $0 | $0 |
| Windows Server | $3,000 | $9,000 | $15,000 |
| Android (Device) | $500 | $500 | $1,000 |
| iOS (Device) | $1,200 | $1,200 | $2,400 |

**5. Conclusion**

- For servers, Linux is recommended for cost-efficiency and performance, while Windows Server is best for businesses needing Microsoft ecosystem integration.

- For mobile, Android provides more customization and affordability, while iOS offers better security and ecosystem integration.

**6. References**

- Statista reports on OS market shares (2024)

- Microsoft and Linux Foundation documentation

- Google and Apple official developer sites