MIGRATION TO SUSE LINUX
Hickeys Fabrics

Hickeys, one of Ireland's leading fabrics retailers, has deployed SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) in order to support daily operations across its network of retail outlets. The SUSE Linux environment fully supports Hickeys proprietary stock management and EPOS application, combining availability and performance to deliver optimal service across a network of system users.

THE CHALLENGE

With 16 outlets in Ireland including 10 Home Focus stores Hickeys has become a household name spanning some 70 years in business. Burdened by both ageing hardware and operating systems platform, the Company sought a solution to host its in-house Line of Business application

THE APPROACH

The company undertook intensive research and testing to find the right platform to support its stock management and EPOS applications – looking in particular at future roadmaps, support and performance issues. Securelinx provided the necessary integration experience, expertise and support to the project which continues to this day.
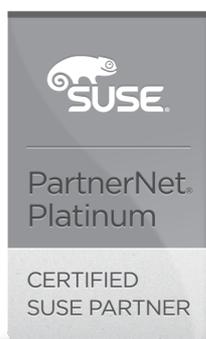
THE SOLUTION

With Securelinx assistance Hickeys Fabrics deployed SUSE Linux Enterprise Server. Highlighting performance, resilience, ability to service current requirements while providing a comprehensive roadmap for the future, the Company cites lower maintenance and support costs also as key drivers in its investment decision. The solution was rolled out to each of its locations nationwide – reducing management overhead and freeing up highly skilled employees to work on other projects.

Commenting on the deployment, Noel McShane, IT Director at Hickeys said:

> "We're delighted with the performance of SUSE Linux Enterprise Server and the first class support provided by Securelinx. The new system offers exceptional value, is easier to maintain and caters to our current requirements. We have a terrific roadmap and story going forward now....The support from Securelinx has been invaluable and we're looking forward to further ventures, cost savings and efficiency gains from our partnership over the years ahead."

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server is one of the leading Linux server distributions on the market today. SUSE's Linux server solutions give businesses greater flexibility, are scalable, inexpensive and easy to maintain.

Securelinx has been a SUSE Platinum Partner since 2004 and comprises the largest selection of SUSE Certified Linux Engineers in Ireland. Recognised by SUSE as the most technically competent partner within Ireland and the UK, Securelinx provides enterprise grade services and support to numerous organisations in both countries.