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Printing on Linux is Like Global Warming

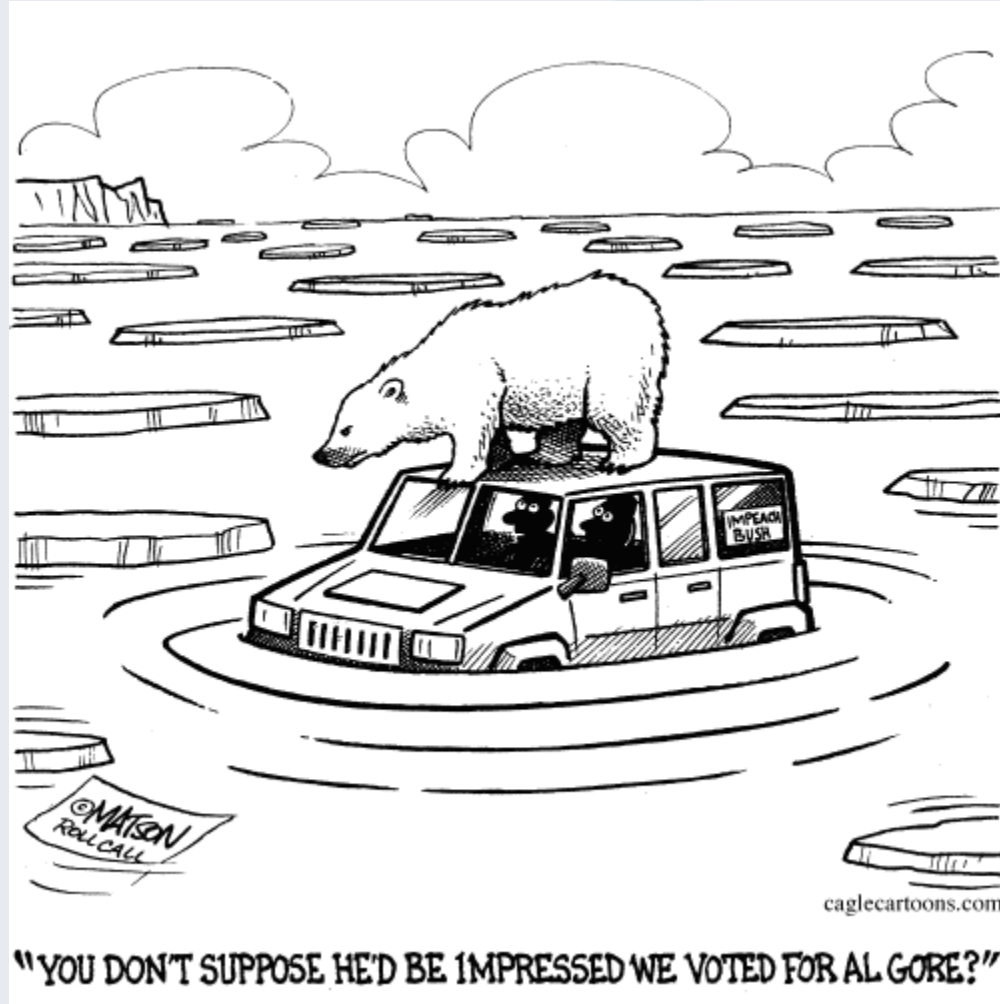


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We have the resources to solve all printing problems on Linux, solving the problem benefits everyone, we just need political will and a sense of urgency



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Why not?

- Have plug and play printing on Linux?
- Get everything we need to have standardized for printing into the LSB?
- Define what needs to be common across all distros in this meeting? - Your industry partners are ready to help.
- Establish a schedule this week?
- Why not make Linux the platform of choice for high end printing?
- Make it as easy for a person in rural China to print a document as it is for a Wall St. Banker?



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Excuses.....

- Linux is not a big enough market
- Not enough resources
- My idea is better than your idea
- Those guys didn't show up so we can't do our work
- It is too political
- It is too difficult
- [Insert your own excuse here]



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The stars are aligned

- **Printer Manufactures:** Pool resources, reduce testing costs, better customer support, latest drivers available through on line database.
- **Distribution Vendors:** More printers available on linux, reduced testing efforts, better reliability, easy printing setup for users, sharing development burden
- **Software developers/vendors:** Easy integration of printing functionality, common user interface for printing, reduce development costs
- **Desktop environment developers:** Common user interfaces for printing and job handling
- **Core printing system developers:** More reliable workflow, integration of distro-independent drivers, better error handling



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Thank you!

The devil is in the details, let's begin this week and together we can change the future of printing.