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A new report from ABI Research reveals that the overall market share for Linux on netbooks is currently at about 32.1 percent, with a little over 11 million units preloaded with Linux shipping in 2009.



ABI research estimates that Linux will overtake Windows on netbooks by 2013, largely due to sales in less-developed countries.

"In 2010, there will be a lot of netbooks shipping on ARM Cortex-A8-based processors, and by that we're including the nVidia Tegra and Qualcomm Snapdragon, which are essentially Cortex-A8 architectures," said Pinkert from Abi Research.

"You've got Texas Instruments and Freescale already out there, and you also have Ericsson, Marvell, and Broadcom getting involved. I believe we're going to see them all on netbooks."

"They're not all going to have the same level of success, but they will be there, with faster boot times and better battery life than the Atom, and unless Microsoft does something about it, they will almost all be running Linux," added Pinkert.

Considering the growth in 2008 and the fact that ARM-powered netbooks and smartbooks, which can't and won't run any Windows version other than Windows CE, are just around the corner, it seems quite plausible.

You can find the complete report [here](#) .