Last year's SUSECon was held in Orlando, and included talks about up-and-coming technologies such as Docker.

Developers and partners get the chance to put their questions to the SUSE team.

SUSEcon 2015

Distro vendor SUSE is holding its big yearly conference in early November. And you can attend by winning a free ticket worth €895!

Linux wouldn't be possible without the internet. The ability of tens of thousands of developers to work together on free software, without having to be in the same room, has made the world of desktops, distros and software repositories a reality. But still, sometimes it's good to put faces to names, meet up with other Linux users and developers, learn about upcoming trends and technologies, and grab a beer at the end of the day. That's why Linux and open source conferences are mightily useful for the software we all use.

SUSE, the creator of SUSE Enterprise Linux, OpenSUSE, *Yast* and other well-known software, is gearing up to hold its yearly conference. This year, it will take place from 2–6 November in Amsterdam. SUSE describes the event as "the annual global technical conference for SUSE customers, partners and community enthusiasts, geared to the needs of the enterprise IT consumer". It's a place for the SUSE team to show off its latest

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work – and for customers, partners and the press to delve deeper into the latest developments. Linux Voice will be there, of course, and you can join too by registering at **www.susecon.com**. You even have a chance to attend for free by winning a conference pass – but more on that in a moment!

Location and schedule
SUSECon 2015 will be held in the Beurs van Berlage building (**www.beursvanberlage.nl/en**), an imposing former commodity exchange just a few hundred meters from Amsterdam's central train station, so it's easy to get to the event from the city's main airport (Schiphol). If you're looking for accommodation, the Beurs van Berlage staff provides assistance via this page: **www.bvbroomkit.nl/susecon15**.

If you arrive on Monday 2 November, you can register and attend some of the pre-conference workshops looking at SUSE OpenStack Cloud and

SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12. These sessions run from 8.30am through to 5.30pm. The main part of the conference kicks off on Tuesday with the opening keynote, followed by breakout sessions, technology showcase, and a conference party in the evening. The following two days feature more sessions and technology showcases, and the event officially closes on Thursday 5 November with a keynote at 4.30pm. Note that there will be some final breakout sessions on Friday, along with Certification Testing for those doing the Certified Linux Administrator or Certified Linux Professional courses.

So in total that's over 120 hands-on, tutorial, case study, future outlook and business overview sessions – plenty to see and do. Some of the highlights include:

- **Hands on session on Docker** Everything you need to know to start using Docker productively.
- **Software Defined Everything - Management, Cloud, Containers and Storage** The latest advances in data centre virtualisation and the management tools needed to deploy, monitor and maintain an increasingly complex environment.
- **Linux Kernel Audit Framework** How to use the Linux audit framework for compliance and security.
- **SUSE Virtualisation Technologies Roadmap** A high-level look at the virtualisation technologies available in SUSE Linux Enterprise Server, including KVM, Xen, LXC, and Docker.
- **Industry Efforts To Make Open Source More Secure** See what the open source ecosystem and industry consortium are doing to help prevent similar incidences in the future and see what steps you should take to minimise your risk.
- **A comparison of filesystems** This presentation provides an overview about the "big" Linux

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filesystems (btrfs, ext4, xfs), and parameters which should be considered when doing performance comparisons.

- **SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12** A one-day class designed for SUSE Linux Enterprise Administrators who are new to the technology changes released in SUSE Linux Enterprise Server 12. It combines lectures and hands-on learning, and covers the installation, initialisation, services, filesystems, software management and desktop changes.
- **Best Practices in Monitoring** Keeping an eye on all devices and services inside your infrastructure is critical. This talk gives an overview about a high-availability monitoring setup that helps administrators better understand their environment. For a full list see **https://susecon2015. smarteventscloud.com/connect/search.ww**, and for the complete agenda visit **www.susecon.com/ agenda.html**. In addition to all these sessions, there are 14 hours of time for "networking with peers and partners" – in other words, meeting other developers, admins and users – plus the ability to do the certification exams as mentioned before. Additionally, SUSE will hand out six awards for its best customers and partners of 2015. So in all, there's a huge amount to see and do.

Attend for free!

If you're interested in attending, and register before 1 November, you can do so for €895 at **www.susecon.com**. But! Linux Voice is also offering three free conference passes as part of a prize draw, so if you'd love to go but you or your company don't have the funds, there's still a chance to attend the sessions and get hands-on with new tech. For a chance to win, visit: **www.linuxvoice.com/susecon15/**