

Title : Habib Bank AG Zurich wins Technology Award

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The staff of CPI expresses its deep sorrow and condolences on the sad demise of **His Highness Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan**. His death is a major loss for the UAE, its people and the Arab world. May his soul rest in peace.

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<b>CPI WEBCAST</b>	(Dubai, United Arab Emirates) - November 10, 2004 - Habib Bank AG Zurich (HBZ), one of the leading international banks operating in the United Arab Emirates, have won the 'Banker ME Best LINUX Implementation in the Financial Sector 2004 Award' at the CPI LINUX Conference in October 2004. The award was presented by Mr. Ahmad Bin Byat, Director General of the Dubai Technology, Electronic Commerce and Media Free Zone (TECOM).	<b>DIC VISIONS 2004</b>	<b>CURRENT VIRUS INFO - TREND MICRO</b>
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<b>NEWSLETTER</b>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> A lot - they're great!
<b>INDUSTRY EVENTS</b>		<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Depends on the subject
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<b>CONTACT US</b>			<input type="radio"/> I never look at them
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<b>CONTENT PROVIDERS</b>	The award recognises that Habib Bank AG Zurich has one of the most technologically advanced banking systems deployed across the enterprise. Mr Haja Alavudeen, Senior Vice President & Head of Information Technology, Habib Bank AG Zurich said, "We are delighted that Habib Bank AG Zurich has won its fourth consecutive award. Our vision to adopt LINUX since 1998 was recognised as revolutionary in the banking industry. By 2000 we were the first bank in the Middle East, and one of the first in the world, to fully deploy LINUX in a banking enterprise."		
<b>APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP</b> Be a Content Provider	The technology system runs on the LINUX (SuSe.9.2) platform. The bank's software partner BiLogic Systems Inc. has implemented some of the latest software solutions previously unused in the region, based on Java from Sun Microsystems. In the bank's aim to provide the highest service levels with peace of mind security, Habib Bank AG Zurich use LVS (Linux Virtual Server) technology, which has been modified for secure session management, thereby providing greater security for their clients. The solution provides a clustering solution which offers a scalable and redundant solution with secure session management.		
<b>POST CONTENT</b> Post your PRESS RELEASE here	This technology results in an integrated banking, e-banking and mobile solution for the enterprise and customers. Habib Bank AG Zurich's clients use telephone banking, PDA banking, Internet banking, SMS messaging and ATM machines to control their finances 24 hours a day. Due to this technology the highest security is in place and cost savings are passed onto the customer. Mr Alavudeen commented, "A good example of this is HBZcms, our on-line Third Party Fund Transfer service."		

HBZweb (<http://www.habibbank.com>), a unique Internet banking service, provides over eighty options for account holders to transact and query account information. Options include secure mail, unlimited secondary account login management, global unified login access, event driven mobile and PDA banking (HBZgsm/HBZpda) allowing monitoring of accounts and alerts, bill payment, third party fund transfers (HBZsecure key), electronic Letters of Credit (HBZeLC), secure online payroll management system (HBZpay) and document level drilling. Additionally, Microsoft Excel™, text and XML downloading of statements of accounts with live history for up to ten years for all accounts, also allows clients easy integration with their own systems.

Habib Bank AG Zurich's proof of success is in their users. 64.3% of credit customers and 71.4% of depositors are presently using the Habib Bank AG Zurich integrated e-banking and mobile solution powered by LINUX.

**Background:**

Similar systems are presently used by Google who run a 10,000+ server cluster and Amazon who estimated a cost saving of \$250 million by migrating to LINUX.

**About Habib Bank AG Zurich**

Habib Bank AG Zurich was established in 1967 on a solid foundation of banking tradition that spans several generations. Traditional banking values set in the context of international banking has determined Habib Bank AG Zurich's corporate philosophy - "Service with Security" - for over 35 years in operation. Providing trade finance, corporate, consumer, private, retail and correspondent banking products, the bank offers highly personalized service to its customers through its international network of over 30 branches. In addition to offering traditional banking products over a number of channels, HBZ's leading technology solutions allows its clients to manage their accounts and conduct real time transactions 24 hours a day world wide through <http://www.habibbank.com>

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