

1 approximately 100 of the 3,000 or so developers who were
2 involved in development of AIX. That's approximately 2
3 percent of the developers.

4 We produced documents from a far greater number of
5 developers who were involved with Linux. So if congruity with
6 the rules of production for AIX is the rule, then, Your Honor,
7 we've already produced it.

8 In conclusion, Your Honor, respectfully, there is no
9 basis on this record for interfering with Magistrate Judge
10 Wells' determination. She did not act contrary to law. She
11 did not abuse her discretion and we ask Your Honor to overrule
12 the objection. Thank you.

13 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Marriott.

14 Mr. Normand, you get to reply. I think I have the
15 issues pretty well in mind, so you won't take too long, right?

16 MR. NORMAND: That's correct, Your Honor.

17 Standard of review at the bottom, we do think the
18 Magistrate Court made a mistake, so that is the standard of
19 review and that is what we think happened. There is no
20 indication at all in her October 12th order that she addressed
21 these issues, the kinds of issues that are relevant to a
22 motion to compel.

23 And that was one of Mr. Marriott's lead points. IBM
24 has argued that in her order the Magistrate Judge actually
25 resolved the question of whether IBM should now produce Linux

1 development materials. In short, when you read the order,
2 there is no indication that that is true. There's no
3 discussion in that order of the relative relevance of the
4 materials. There is no discussion in the order of any burden.
5 There is no discussion in the order of how it might affect
6 timing. There is no discussion in the order of how to balance
7 the relevance against the effect on the discovery schedule
8 about a balance of relevance against the possibility of
9 burden. There is no indication in the order that she
10 considered or adopted or disagreed with IBM's arguments about
11 the burden.

12 Not to put too fine a point on it, Your Honor, but
13 the plain language of the October 12th order speaks for itself
14 and, as a practical matter, I'm sure the Magistrate Court,
15 herself, has a view as to whether she resolved it and that may
16 be the quickest route to resolving the issue. But from our
17 perspective for purposes of this objection, this Court has a
18 record of the law and on the record below which is the October
19 12th order, there is no indication that she considered the
20 variety of factors that I think both of us agree -- Mr.
21 Marriott and I would agree are relevant in our motion to
22 compel.

23 But there is some suggestion that we should have
24 immediately at the end of the hearing or in the days following
25 a hearing when we negotiated with counsel that we should have

1 taken some formal step to essentially file a motion to
2 reconsider with the Magistrate Court if she had not resolved
3 this issue, and I didn't think we're entitled to do that and
4 IBM's own conduct in connection with the January 2005 order
5 shows that the parties had an option as to whether to move to
6 reconsider or file an objection with this Court. As a
7 practical matter, and as we have told both courts, we filed a
8 motion to compel with the Magistrate Court roughly the same
9 time as this objection, so it's not as if this issue is not
10 before the Magistrate Court.

11 And when we were discussing the particular phrasing
12 of the October 12th order, I did raise with counsel for IBM
13 that we thought she had not resolved an issue and he
14 disagreed. He said I think she did resolve the issue. Both
15 parties took the position they're taking now, but it was not
16 at all obvious and I don't think we're obligated to SCO at
17 that time, in discussing the phrasing of what she had ruled
18 during the October 7th hearing, that we were obligated to make
19 these arguments.

20 Very quickly on the other points. Relevance, IBM
21 says that they have produced these files from -- let me get
22 the numbers right -- 80 developers. In their brief they said
23 they had produced it from 55 developers. I don't know if the
24 numbers are significant. The point is if IBM is willing to
25 say now that they did produce these materials from 60 other

1 developers other than the 20, then how can it be that IBM
2 argues at the same time that these materials are not relevant.
3 Would they produce them to us, the relevant material from 60
4 other developers? If they produced from 80, then it must be
5 that the 20 was just a further concession on IBM's part that
6 these are relevant.

7 What was the significance of the concession? We
8 finally got to identify the developers. We have no idea how
9 IBM decided which of the 60 other developers among the 300 to
10 chose from, even if they did do that. We're not conceding
11 that they have produced from the 80. I don't think we can
12 reach a consensus as to that number, but if they produced
13 these materials from the files of any developers other than
14 the 20 that we identified following the October 12th order, I
15 think that's a concession that those materials are relevant.

16 With respect to the burden argument, as I said,
17 there is no indication in the Magistrate Court's October 12th
18 order that she considered these burden arguments. There's no
19 affidavit in front of this Court as to burden. Those are all
20 the first points.

21 I think it is just as important, Your Honor, that we
22 raised this issue when we first got an indication from IBM
23 that they are not going to produce these materials. The
24 parties have fought like mad throughout 2004 over the scope of
25 several categories of broad documents, and that was the focus

1 of the parties' arguments.

2 SCO took the view at that time that those were
3 resolved and other discovery could be pursued. The first
4 indication we got from IBM that they were not going to produce
5 this material in whole was January of 2005. Since that time,
6 we've pursued the issue. We've raised the issue before the
7 current discovery schedule was set in place. We've sought
8 what I think is a pretty small accommodation. We sought to
9 amend in some part, the December 22nd submission, we don't
10 expect it to be a very significant amendment at all, and we
11 sought leave to take a few depositions. What we wanted to do
12 is get the documents and examine them internally. We don't
13 want to change discovery schedules, we don't think it's
14 necessary, but to the extent it were necessary, I think it
15 follows from the fact that we've been pursuing discovery for
16 some time, and the delay in producing discovery shouldn't now
17 preclude us from getting the materials and forcing us to run
18 up against these discovery deadlines.

19 Finally, Your Honor, I know you'd like me to keep
20 this brief on the argument about whether it's too late in the
21 day and whether the schedule needs to be changed. IBM says
22 that they don't know our state of mind, but in their briefs
23 they said they did. In their briefs they said that we must
24 not think or we must not have thought that this was relevant
25 because we didn't pursue it. We think we did pursue it. IBM

1 further says this must just be delay. This is
2 incomprehensible to us. We said to both courts at the same
3 time, we're filing these motions, we're trying to meet the
4 discovery deadlines. We understand that the resolution of the
5 issue on one court will resolve the resolution of the other
6 court. We did that for efficiency. We did that because we
7 saw we were running up against the discovery deadline, and
8 when IBM attributes to us a state of mind of trying to delay,
9 when they on the other hand concede that they've already
10 produced these materials as relevant from 80 developers and 60
11 whom we didn't even identify, that's an incongruous argument.
12 We're not seeking to delay and it's true that IBM doesn't know
13 our state of mind, and to the extent they say they did, they
14 were incorrect about it.

15 Last point, Your Honor, on cancelation of these
16 depositions, the purpose of discovery is, I think everyone
17 could agree, fact discovery. Document discovery is to help
18 determine whom to depose. We never said to the Magistrate
19 Court or IBM that we will depose all of these 20 developers.
20 We asked for the files of 20 that we identified because from
21 what we could figure from the public documents they seemed
22 relevant. There are many nonpublic documents that IBM
23 concedes exist. Indeed their production from the 20
24 developers are labeled confidential. They're not materials
25 that other -- that the Linux community has seen. They're not

1 materials we could have gotten. They're from these
2 developers' sandboxes. They're confidential materials. Those
3 are not public documents.

4 And to the extent we reviewed those nonpublic
5 documents and decided that we couldn't afford to depose many
6 of the deponents, I think that's a proper use of discovery and
7 both parties have had this issue of where they're running
8 right up to the deadline of depositions deciding whether they
9 can take them at that time or a later time and canceled them.
10 IBM has canceled on the eve of two 30(b)(6) depositions. I
11 think that's not improper. I think it's to be expected. I
12 think our review of the files from the 20 developers was
13 appropriate discovery. Thank you, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Normand. Thank you all.
15 I'll take this objection under advisement and get a ruling out
16 shortly. Thank you very much. Court will be in recess.

17 (The matter was concluded.)
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