#### Welcome to ...



**General Meeting September 10th, 2009** 

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## Stuff That's Good To Know

- Our gracious host and Ubuntu supporter: Scott
- Facilities information
- Sign-in, comments, packet, ticket, info sheet
- Presenters need to keep moving, so it's best to save questions till they end if possible
- There's a break around 7:40
- During the break we'll have a "Rescue Centre" at the back, for help or information, it's also a good time to make a donation
- Snacks and goodies donated by our members!
- We have Door Prizes, so it's good to stick around!
- Timing: We're out at 8:45
- Socializing continues after the meeting on "the Drive"





#### Thank you for coming to our September 2009 General Meeting

#### This package contains:

- \* 1 Ubuntu Sticker
- \* 3 Buzz Cards
- \* 1 Window Decal

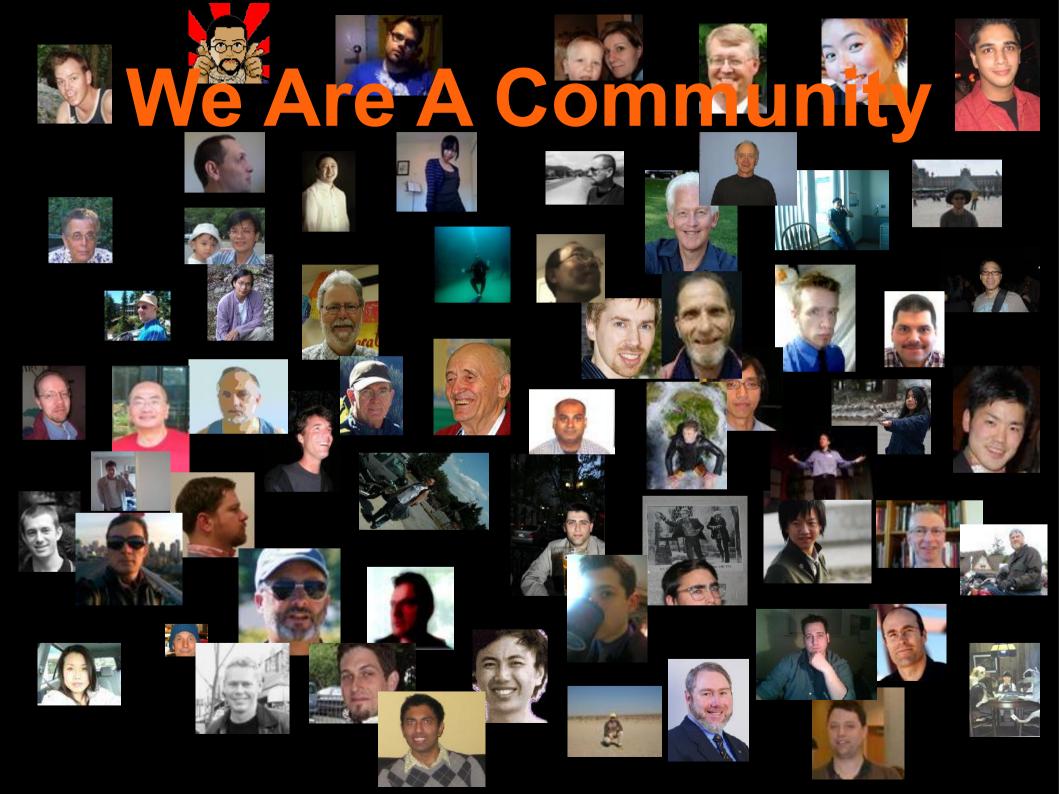
Of your three closest friends, how many use Ubuntu? Why not **give them a card**?

We'd really appreciate it if you would give us feedback about this meeting

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Who Are We?





# We Celebrate!



We Party!





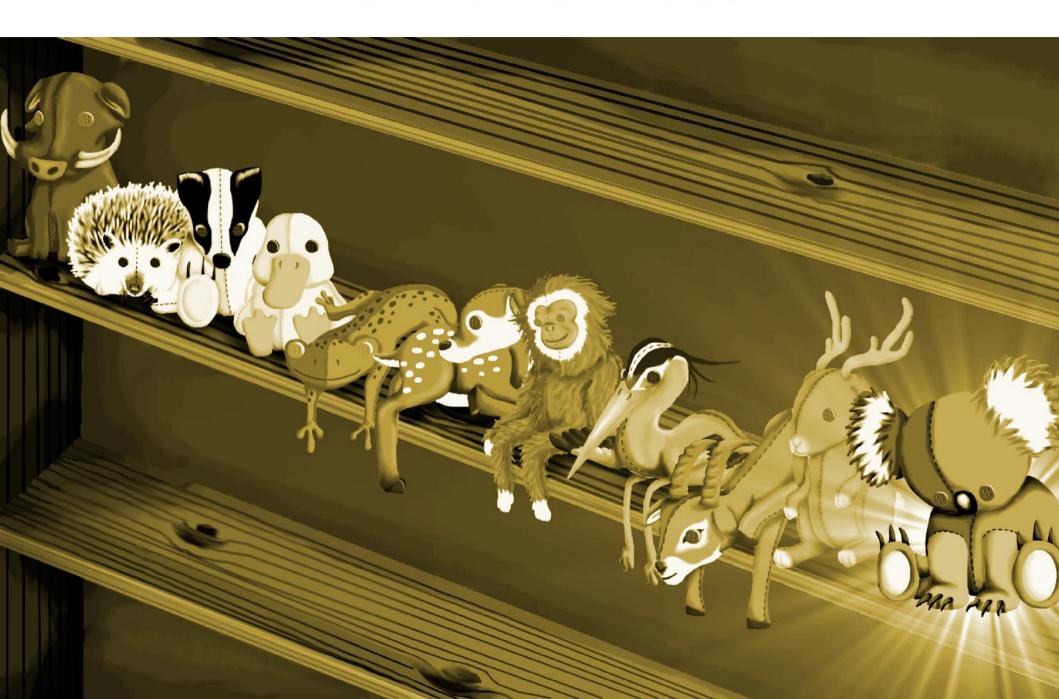




# Really Big!



# We Have Pets!



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## Welcome New Members!

and those brave enough to post photos





















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# Why Is This Important?

Or ... "It's only software!"



they lied to us

# this was supposed to be the future

where is my jetpack,

where is my robotic companion, where is my dinner in pill form, where is my hydrogen fueled automobile, where is my nuclear-powered levitating house,

where is my cure for this disease

# Are Any of These Important?

**Innovation?** 

**Equality?** 

Access?

Fairness?

**Democracy?** 

A "Say"?





#### **Exhibit A:**

# Spreading FUD

(Fear, Uncertainty, and Doubt)

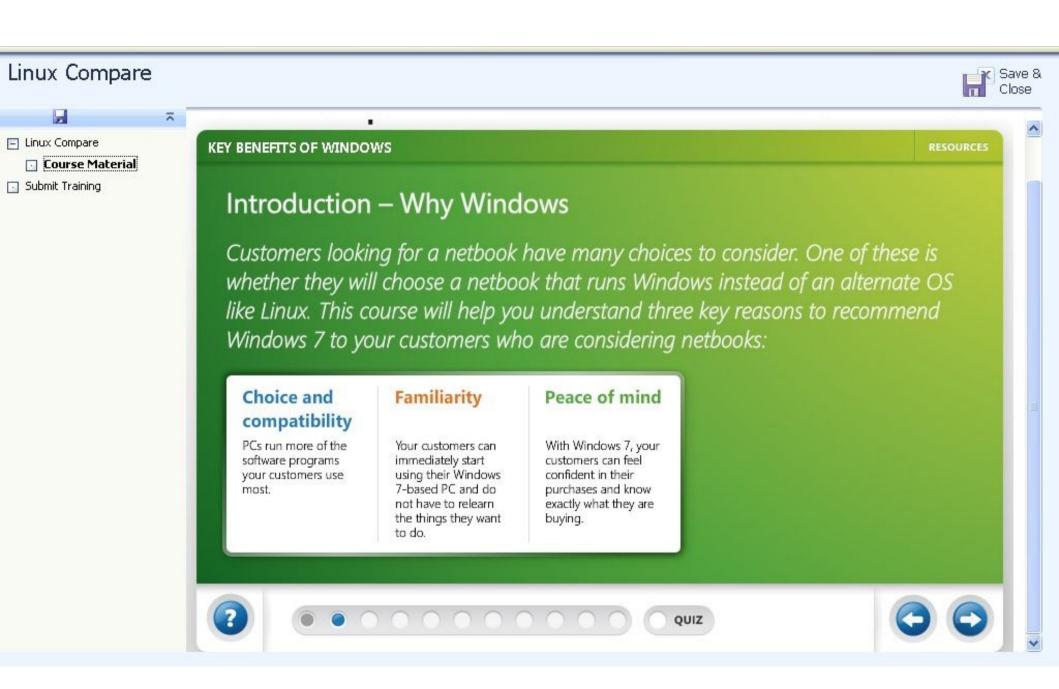


# So, Did You Hear the One About the Guy who Walked Into Best Buy?

#### Linux Compare







#### Linux Compare





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Submit Training

#### CHOICE & COMPATIBILITY

#### Windows offers your customer choice and compatibility

A PC sale is not just about the PC, it is also about the software and devices you can attach to the sale. Since fewer software applications and devices work with Linux machines, your customers' PC experience will be negatively impacted. It will also be more difficult for you to attach compatible add-ons to the sale.

Choice & Compatibility	Mindows Windows	Linux
Camera, iPod, and MP3 compatibility	Many	Few
Printers and scanners compatibility	Many	Few
Software compatibility	Extensive	Limited
Windows Live™ Essentials (e.g. Messenger, Mail, Photo Gallery)	Free download	Not supported
The games your customers want (e.g. World of Warcraft)	₹	0
Authorized support	₹	0
Video chat on all major IM networks	4	0

Source: Linux.org and Windows Compatibility Center

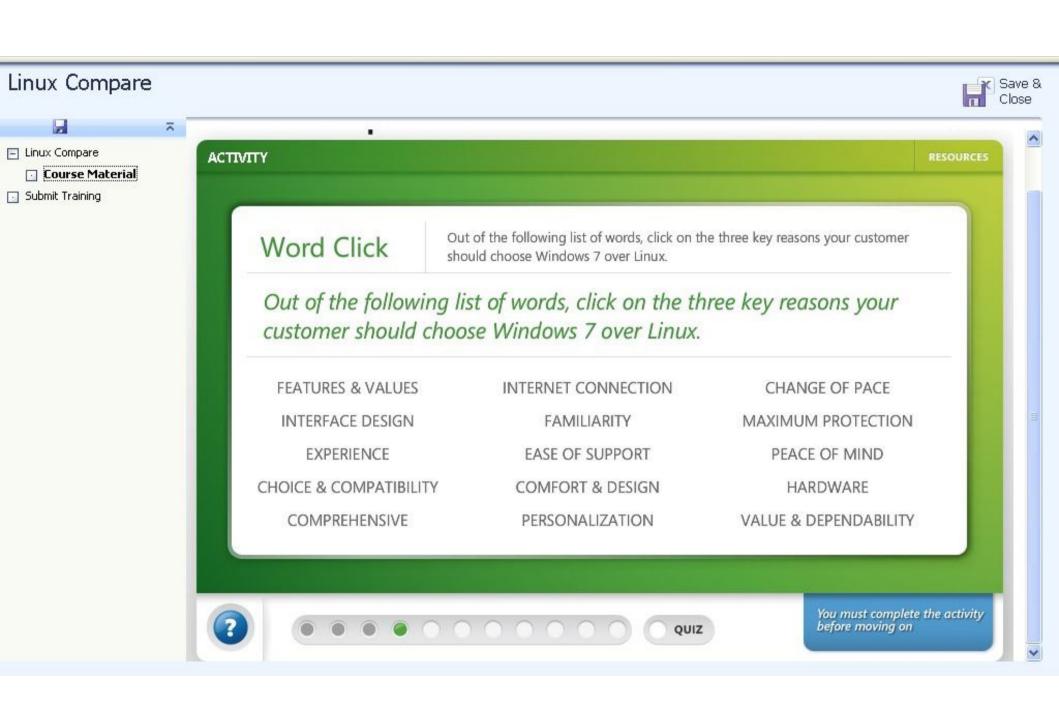












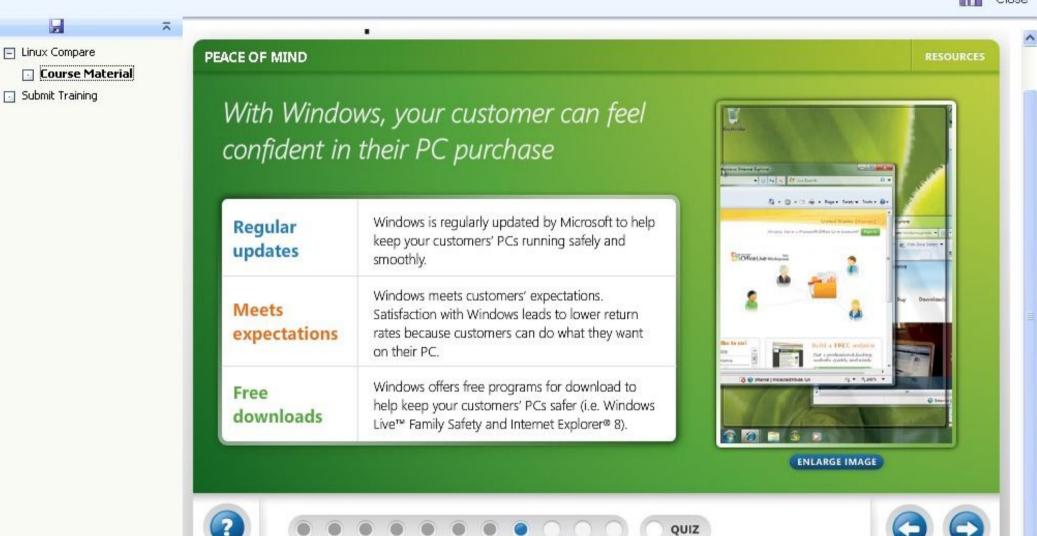






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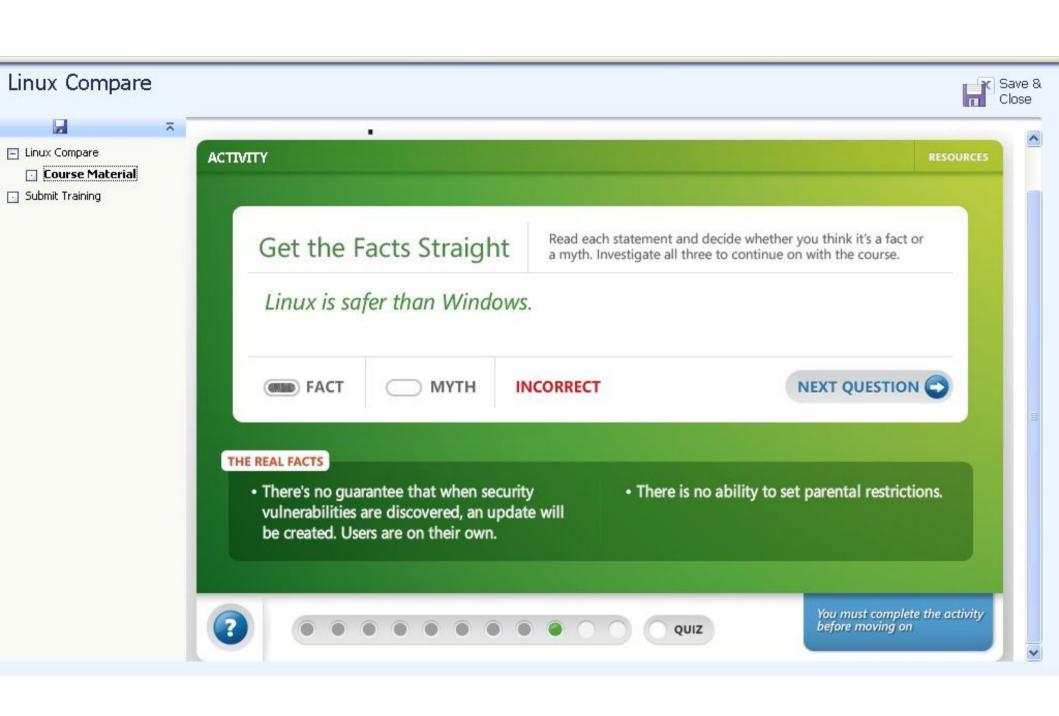


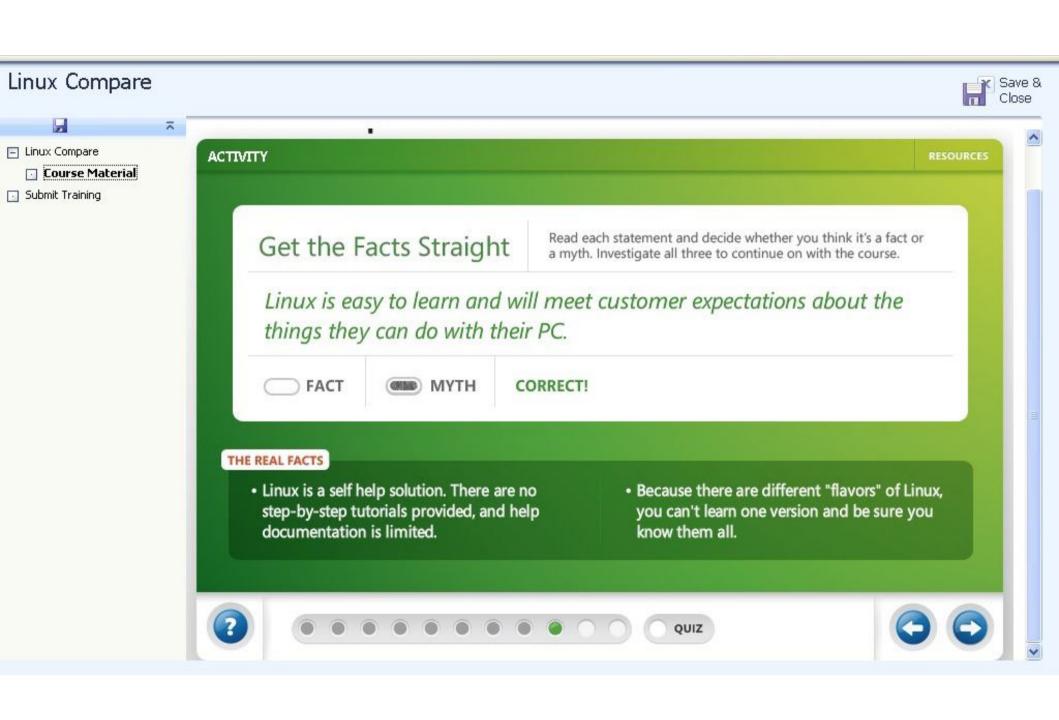


#### Linux Compare Save & ~ Linux Compare **ACTIVITY** Course Material Submit Training ■ Read each statement and decide whether you think it's a fact or Get the Facts Straight a myth. Investigate all three to continue on with the course. Linux updates and upgrades are easy. **NEXT QUESTION** FACT MYTH INCORRECT THE REAL FACTS · Linux can require a lot of time to maintain. It can be unclear to users whether or not For example, Ubuntu (a version of Linux) software updates need to be applied may have hundreds of updates a month. immediately or are optional. You must complete the activity

QUIZ

before moving on







# WOW!!

Where Do We Even Start?



# Luckily We Have Help



























The case against *Microsoft* and proprietary software

Education DRM Security Monopoly Standards Lock In Privacy



"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." -- Lao Tzu

Increasingly, computers are expected to be useful tools in our children's education. But today, most children whose education involves computers are being taught to use one company's product: Microsoft's. Microsoft spends large sums on lobbyists and marketing to procure the support of educational departments.

Learn more





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#### Microsoft is trashing your freedom

With the release of Windows 7 in October, Microsoft is selling the new version on a combination of fear and threats. They threaten to stop supporting older versions of Windows in the long-term, and because their system is proprietary, instead of free software like GNU/Linux, you are dependent on Microsoft to provide regular security updates and fixes.



With the threat to withdraw their support, they try to strong-arm you into adopting new versions of their software even when you don't need them and may have a negative consequence to your ability to operate, once again abusing its monopoly position, explicitly inducing vendor lock-in.

Like its plans to include DRM restrictions with Windows Vista, Microsoft's continued attacks against your security, privacy and freedom are no mistake. Microsoft has a history of manipulating computer manufacturers into installing its products onto the computers you purchase.

You deserve to be able to cooperate openly and freely with other people who use software. You deserve to be able to learn how the software works, and to teach your students with it. You deserve to be able to hire your favorite programmer to fix it when it breaks.

You deserve free software.

### windows7sins.org

A message from the Free Software Foundation, Boston, MA.



# But There's More To Worry About



## ubuntu sucks

## A Word About: Human Nature

- We judge new experiences on the basis of older ones
- We determine likes and dislikes based on familiarity and comfort rather than merit or logical analysis





# There's too much to learn and things aren't where I expect them to be!

## **Familiarity Syndrome**

- We can't become totally familiar with a new system instantly
- First impressions are easily forgotten, especially old ones. Do you remember how you felt the first time you used Windows?
- Acclimation to Ubuntu makes comparisons more realistic





## **ubuntu** is harder to install than:

insert favourite system here

# The Non-Comparison Comparison

How many people have ever installed Windows? OSX?





# I had a problem and WOW was the solution ever cryptic!

## Overlook Syndrome

- First. **Systems fail.** People overlook that functionality in Windows tends to fail over time and that thousands of examples of this have been documented
- Speaking of cryptic and technical, have you heard of Microsoft's "User Profile Hive Cleanup Service?" Have you ever edited "The Registry?"
- What happens when proprietary systems fail? Pay, and pay!





# My system should just work!

## Please Spoon-Feed Me

- When people say it should "just work" they refer to programs, not the operating system (e.g. spell-check Word document)
- The "Ubuntu does not work crowd" is usually talking about applications that they have spent tons of time effort & money to learn, the Microsoft way... at great pain!
- People in some stages (not ages) of life are too overwhelmed to re-learn. Convincing themselves that Ubuntu is hard may be the easiest way out



No system in the world can overcome this



# I've never heard of it. No one I know uses it. Most people use

#### Logical Fallacy:

## The Fallacy of Popularity

Popularity does not equal quality, or reliability, or greatness.. or anything else.



### **But We Can Still Fix That!**

Of Your 3 Closest Friends, How Many Use Ubuntu?

zero





## And by the way...



## It's not Windows!

So Please Stop Expecting It

... and if you really want it ...



















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#### About ReactOS

ReactOS is an effort to create a Free Software replacement for Microsoft Windows(TM) that is compatible with existing hardware and software!

ReactOS 0.3.10 is still in under heavy development (alpha stage) and is not ready for everyday use.

You can help the ReactOS project by doing word-of-mouth advertising, donate some money to the ReactOS Foundation or spend some time on the ReactOS project and contribute in one of various ways (patch, translation, community forum, etc.).



What is ReactOS? ReactOS at a glance



Why ReactOS? General public will never switch to Unix.



**Download ReactOS** CD ISOs, VM-images, source code, etc.



Roadmap The road to ReactOS 1.0



Frequently Asked Questions Frequently asked questions about ReactOS

#### What is ReactOS?

ReactOS is a free and open-source operating system based on the Windows NT architecture design, providing support for existing applications and drivers and an alternative to the current dominant consumer and server operating systems.

#### Why re-implement NT?

First of all, the 'Windows' the general public knows is actually just one part of the modern Windows NT operating system. They usually mean the Win32 subsystem, a layer that sits upon the NT kernel, providing the user and

# so why ubuntu?





## It's free (as in freedom)

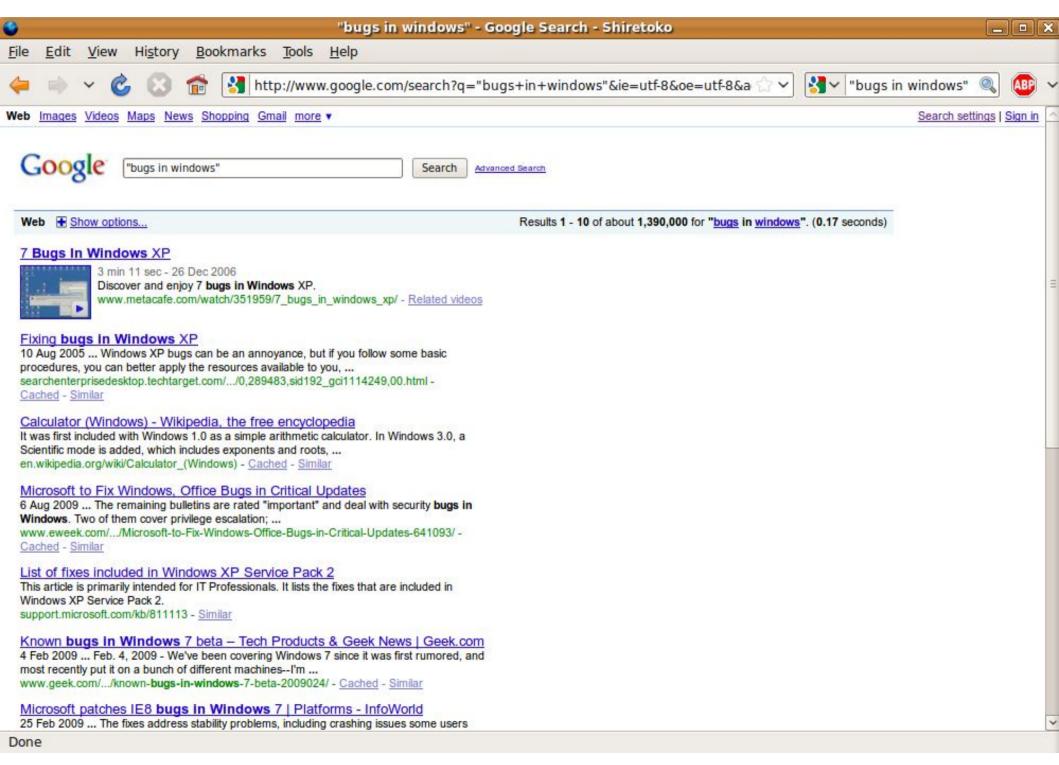


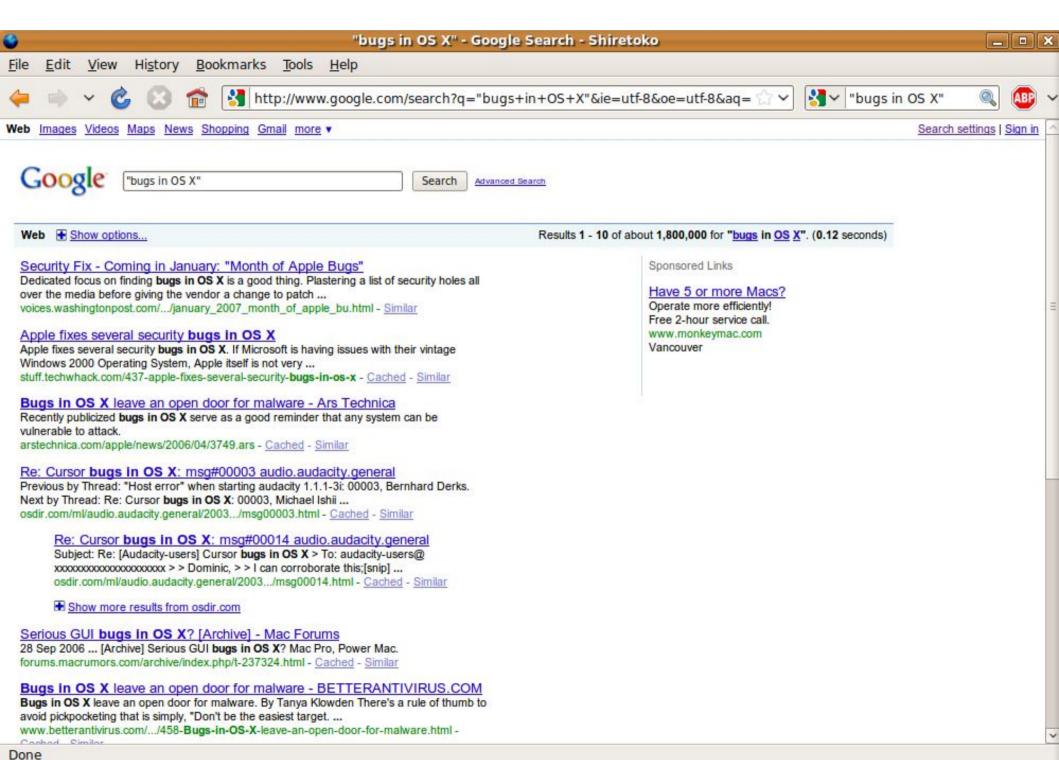
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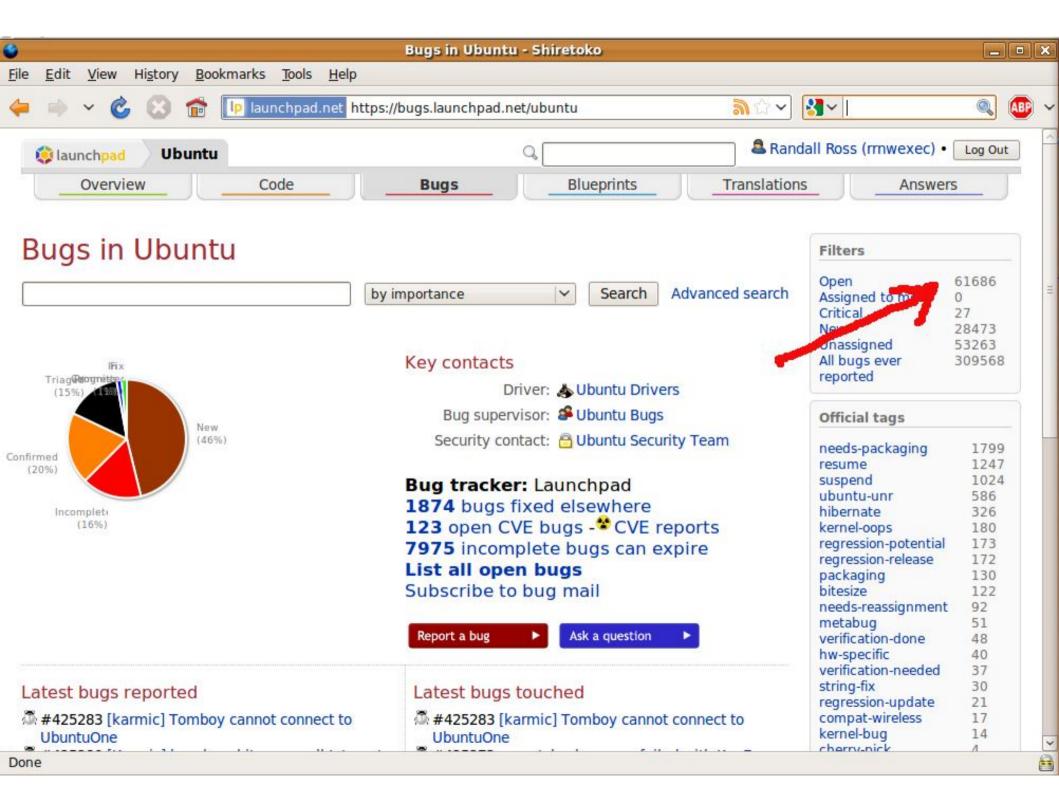


## One Example:

Bugs









## It "just works"

for the silent majority



# Yeah, but so do a lot of other free systems.



## There's a Code of Conduct



### **Humanity Towards Others**

## Be nice. Be professional.

http://www.ubuntu.com/community/conduct

### It's Inclusive

The Ubuntu philosophy of "Humanity to others" and "I am what I am because of who we all are" are important to the Ubuntu community.

We are a worldwide community that prides itself on friendliness.



## It's part of a GLOBAL movement





















## It's yours.

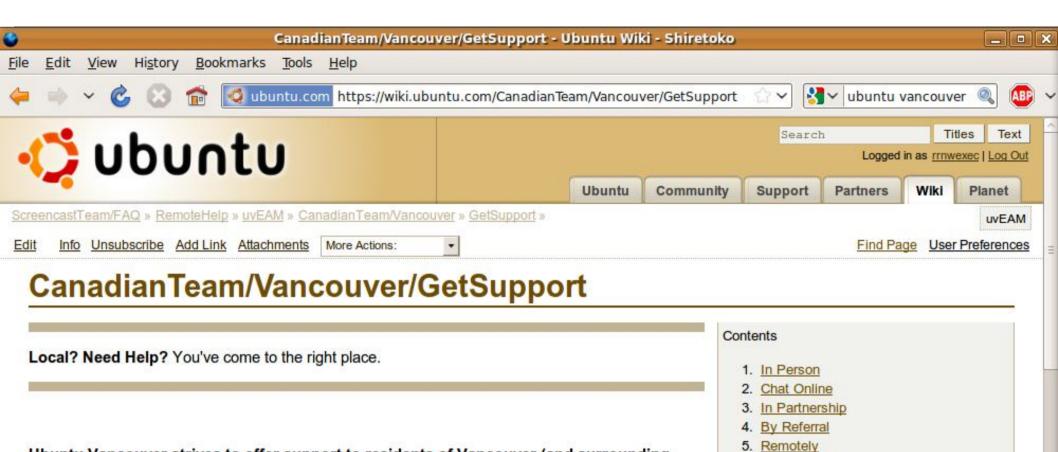


## It's in your community, and help is available!



## Did you know that local support is available?

http://meetup.com/ubuntuvancouver



6. Questions?

Ubuntu Vancouver strives to offer support to residents of Vancouver (and surrounding areas) who are having difficulties with Ubuntu. Support is volunteer-based, best-effort, and without warranty.

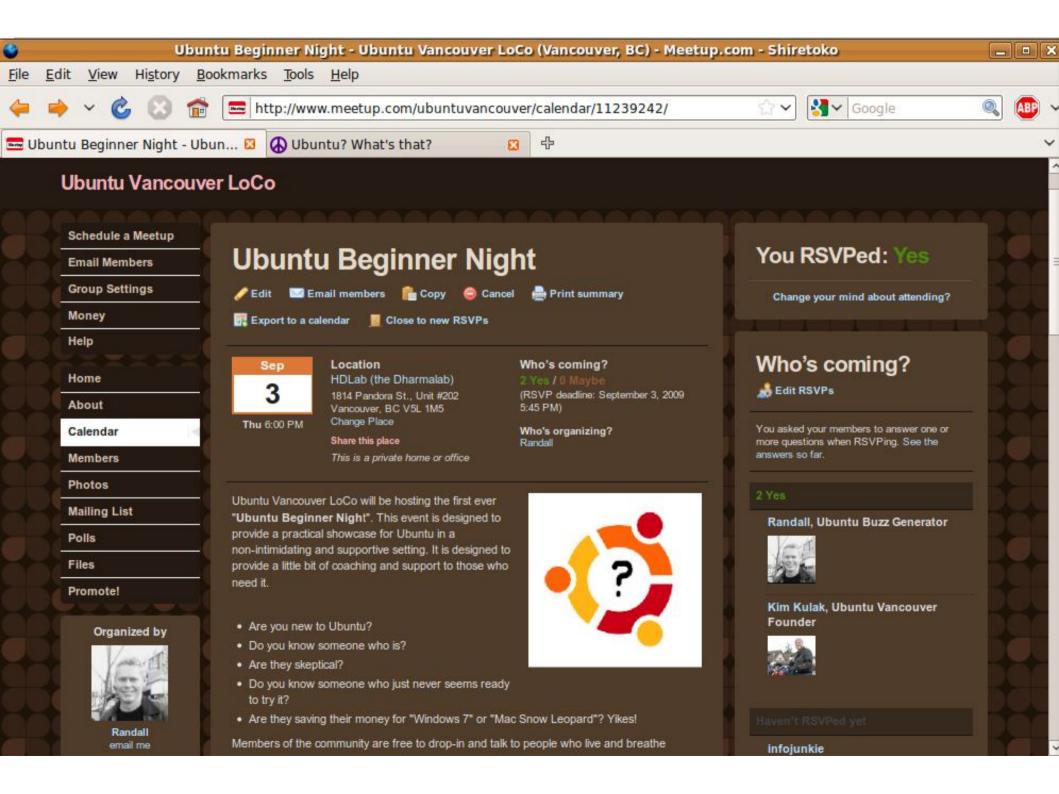
A few ways we do this, some of which are futures:

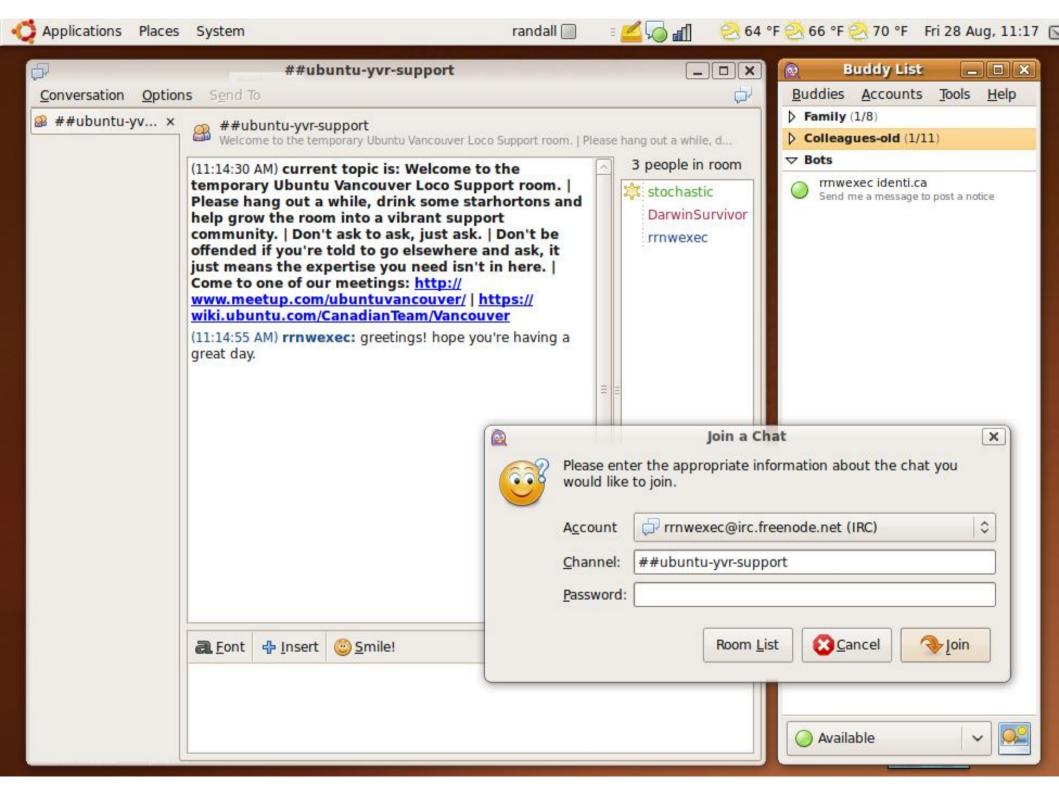
#### In Person

We host a **Rescue Centre** at our monthly General Meetings. Ubuntu Vancouver Members are on-hand in a specially designated area of our meeting space to assist you with basic Ubuntu questions and support. Come to a monthly General Meeting by RSVP'ing here: <a href="http://meetup.com/ubuntuvancouver">http://meetup.com/ubuntuvancouver</a>

FUTURE: We are planning a weekly Rescue Centre, at a regular time, on Saturdays, in a central transit-accessible neighbourhood. Sessions will be open to all of Vancouver without prejudice and without charge. Support is volunteer-based, best-effort, and without warranty. (Please note

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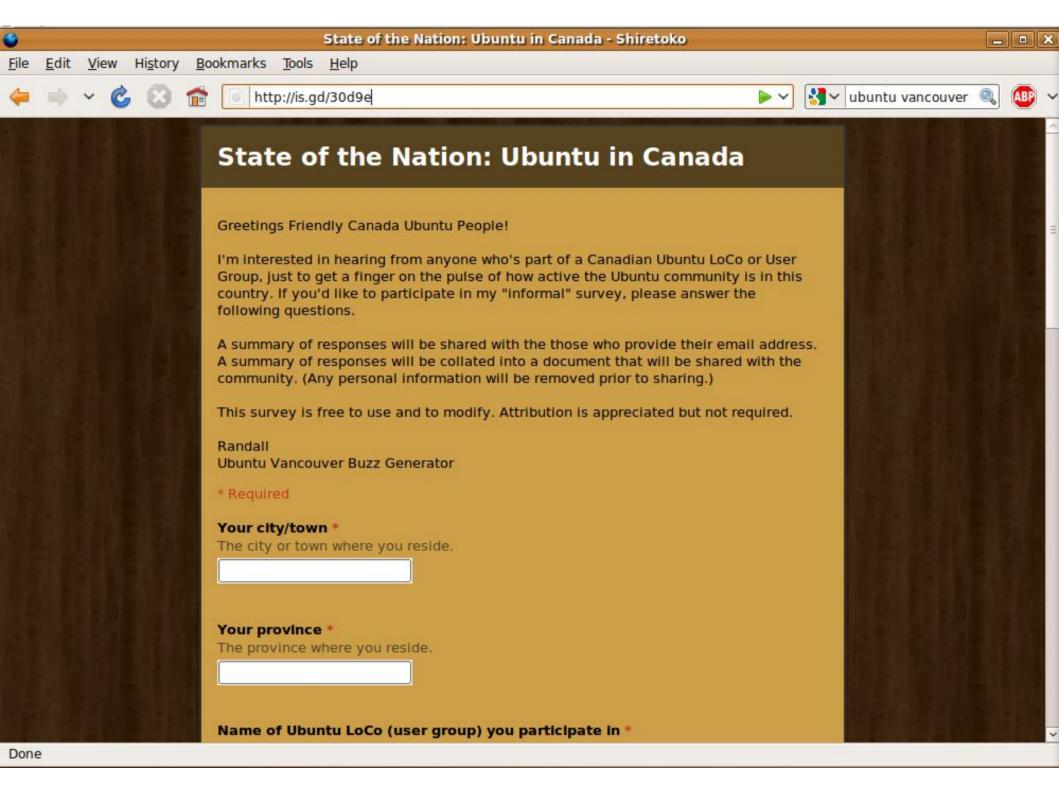
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## Recently In Ubuntuland?

What Interesting Things Have You Heard About Ubuntu Recently?













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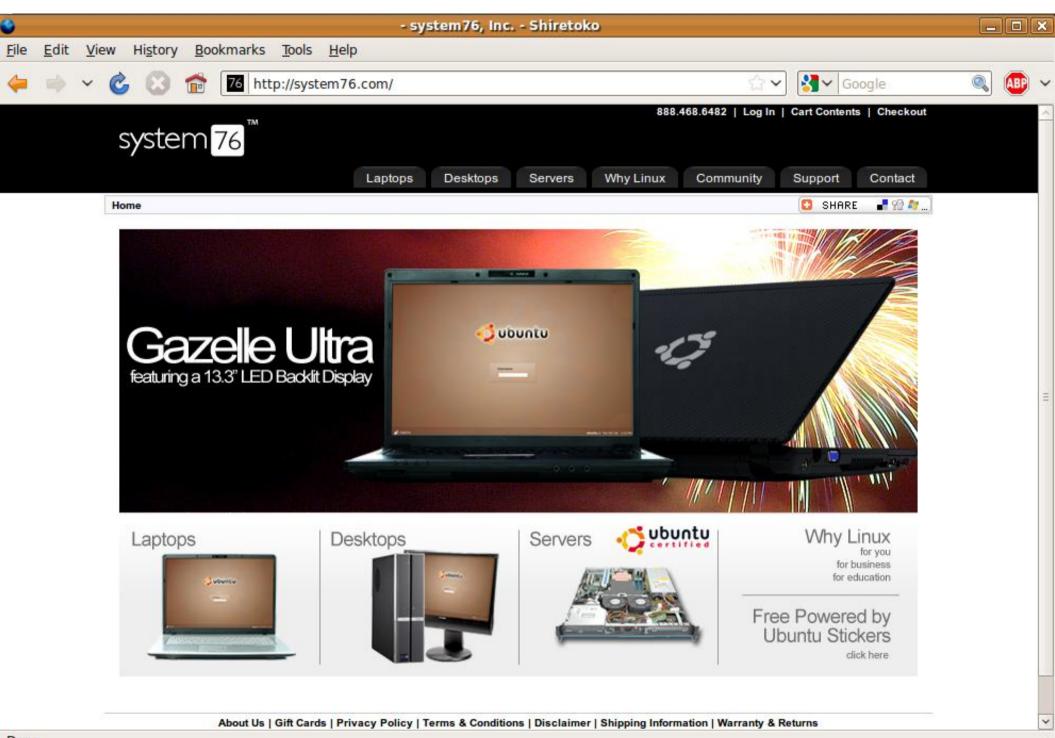
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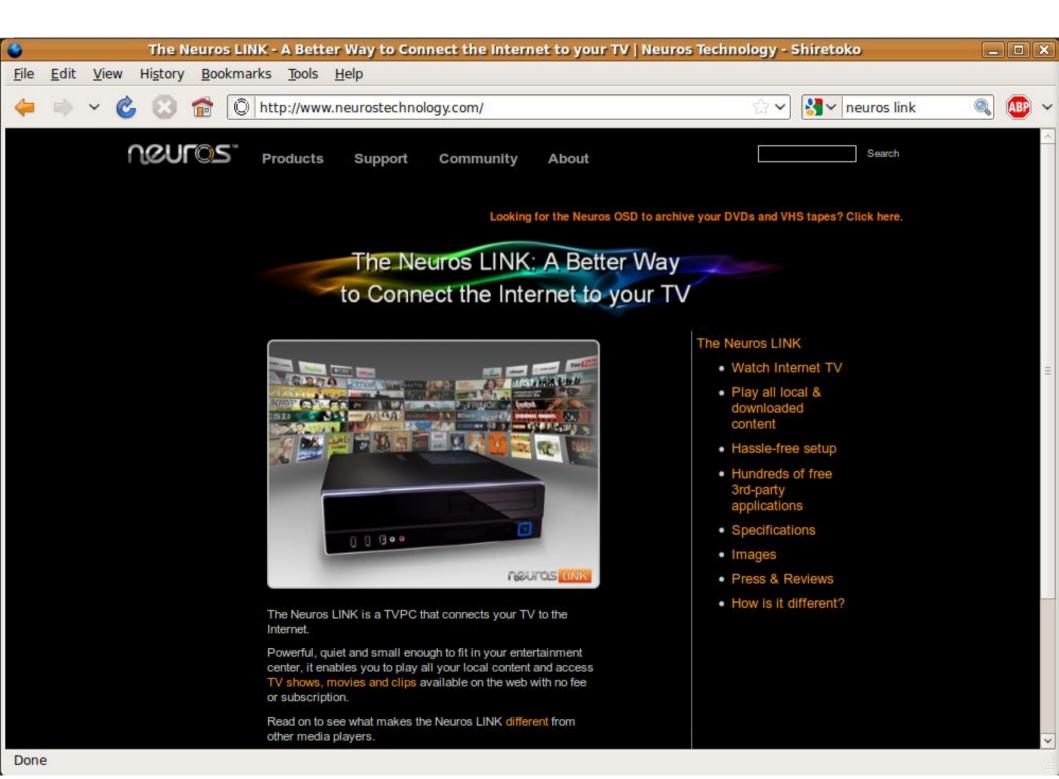






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#### Cultural learnings of America's hat

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ABOUT

COMMENTING AND FUNCTIONALITY

EASILY FOLLOW THIS BLOG



← Festivus

#### Ubuntu presence in Van revisited

August 14, 2009 · Leave a Comment

Free and open source software (FOSS) has developed from a curiosity into a profound passion in the past couple years for me. Linux is not just a flexible and powerful set of software utilities culminating a complete alternative operating system, but hand in hand with FOSS, it represents a full blown philosophy and ideal model for contributing to a community of enthusiasts. Until now I haven't been able to give back as much as I'd like as I'm still a newb at writing good, usable Puthon. Even now I don't give all that much back but my efforts have

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#### RECENT POSTS

- Ubuntu presence in Van revisited
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- Destination: Grouse Mountain
- Question from the commentary
- Destination: Stanley Park

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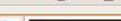


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**Event Cost** 





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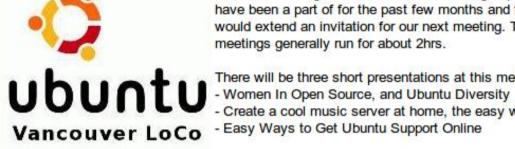








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#### **Event Details**

This is a meeting of the Ubuntu Vancouver group, which I have been a part of for the past few months and thought I would extend an invitation for our next meeting. The meetings generally run for about 2hrs.

There will be three short presentations at this meeting:

- Create a cool music server at home, the easy way!

gratis & libre

- Easy Ways to Get Ubuntu Support Online

#### What is Ubuntu?

Short answer: Ubuntu is a free computer operating system

distributed for home computers (i.e. PCs) Long answer: Wikipedia article on Ubuntu.

#### What is Ubuntu Vancouver?

Ubuntu Vancouver is a group of Ubuntu users that get together to share knowledge and experience and spread the word about the available options in free software for home computers--options many people may not even be aware of. It is not a group exclusively for hardcore programmers or other technical gurus. It is a group where people who have never even considered joining a computer group come to share experiences and learn about the advantages of free software. If you've never even heard of Ubuntu until just now, but are curious to learn more, then I would encourage you to attend this meeting. It's group that is very friendly and welcoming to newcomers.

Here's the meeting agenda to give you an idea of what to expect. There's usually a bit of socializing before and after the meetings, and often a few of us will head to a local establishment on nearby Commercial Drive following the meeting. If anybody would like to meet with me beforehand and head to the meeting together, do let me know.

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# Lightning Talk

# Hacking the Vancouver Public Library for \$1.40

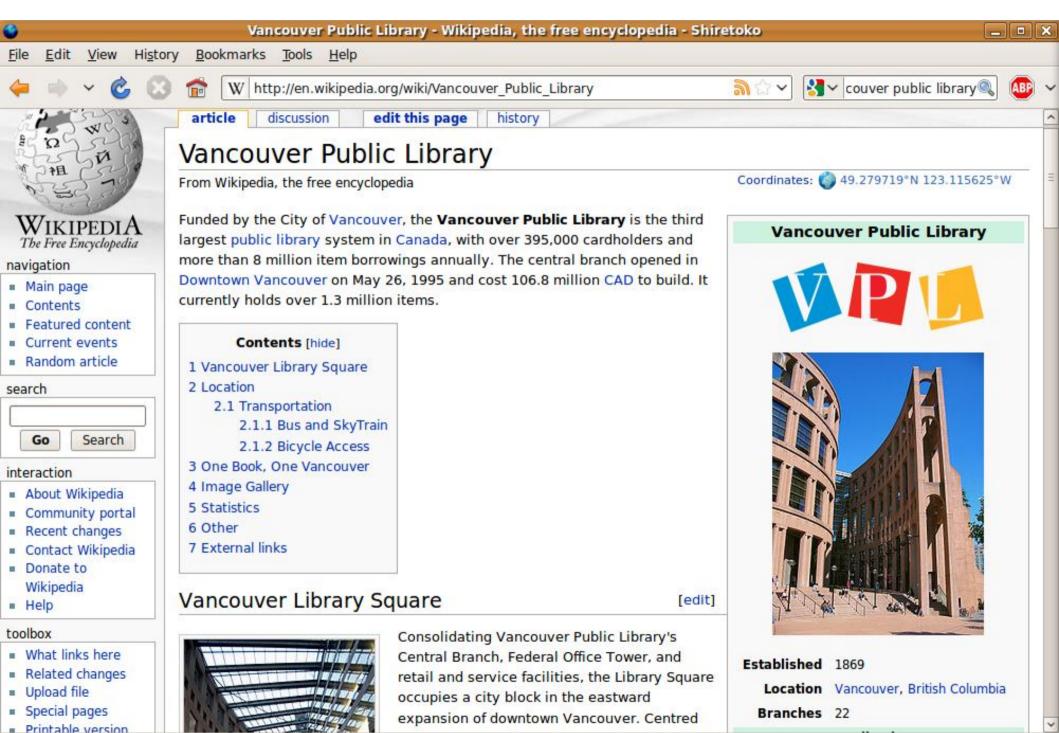
Presented By: Randall Ross

#### What I'll Cover

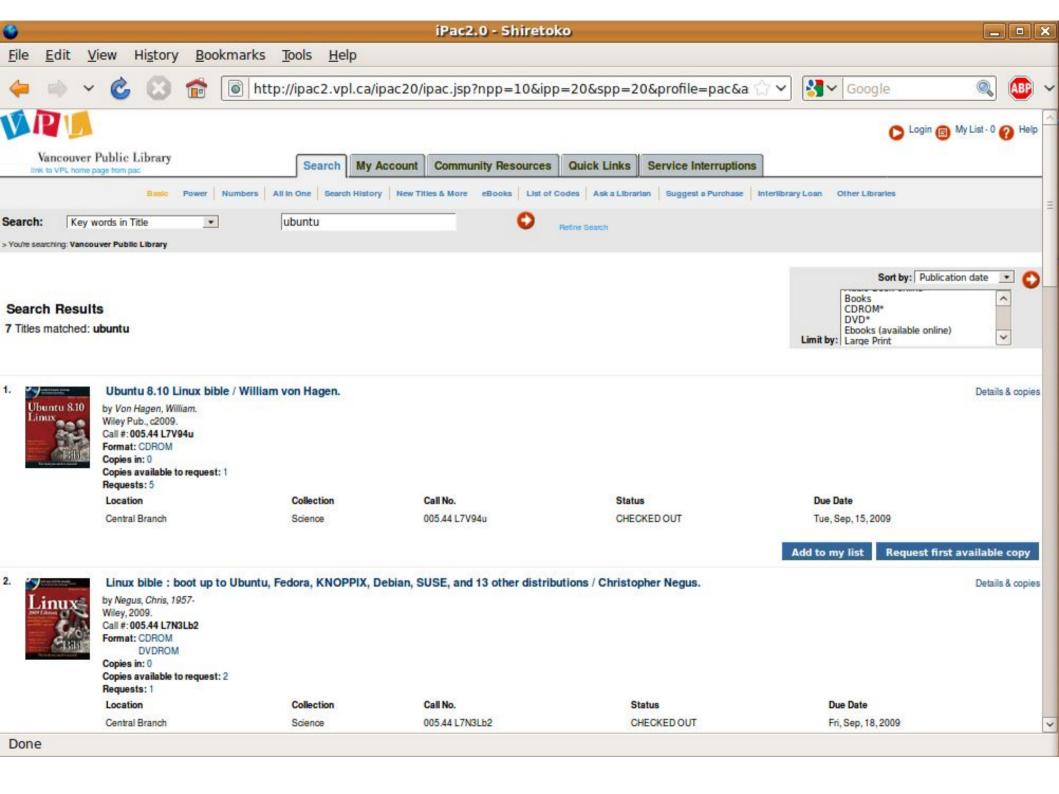
- This is a "Lightning Talk", so I'll be moving quickly
- Why the library?
- How to do it?
- Things to watch out for!







Done





# Finished reading? Please donate this book to Vancouver Public Library

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#### **Questions / Comments**

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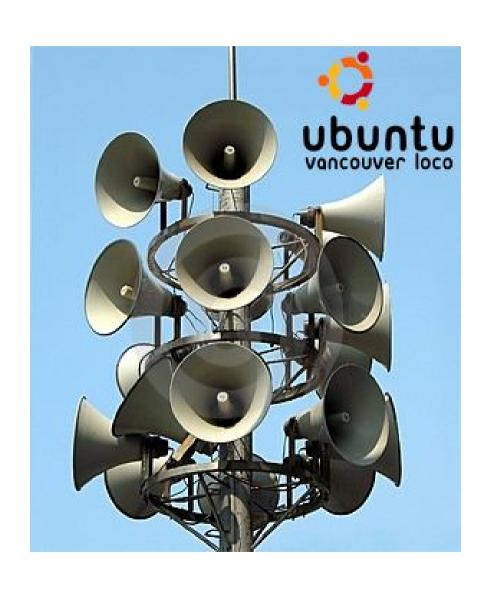


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## Software Freedom Day



September 19<sup>th</sup>
Volunteers Needed!
RSVP at our meetup site!

## **Upcoming Events**

- Software Freedom Day (September)
- Global Jam (October)
- Karmic Koala Release PARTY! (October)
- Youth Sessions
- What else would you like to see?
- What should we be doing more of?



# Karmic Koala is Coming!



# GNU GRUB version 1.96 linux 2.6.28-11-generic linux 2.6.28–11–generic (single–user mode) test (memtest86+) test (memtest86+, serial console 115200) try is highlighting to edit the Use the \* and \* keys to s Press enter to boot the

Use the r and r keys to select which entrails highlighted the Press enter to boot the selected OS, 'e' to edit the thin high commands before booting or the for a command-line.

The highlighted entry, will be booted automatically in 2s.

#### Karmic Koala USB Sticks



Test Your Ubuntu Knowledge

### **Question 1**

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#### Question 2

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### **Treat Providers**

For sharing

... in the spirit of Ubuntu!



# Guest Presenter Eric Hedekar



# "Lightning Talk"er Larry Reid



### **Special Thanks**

# Scott @ DharmaLab

Our Gracious Host and Ubuntu Supporter

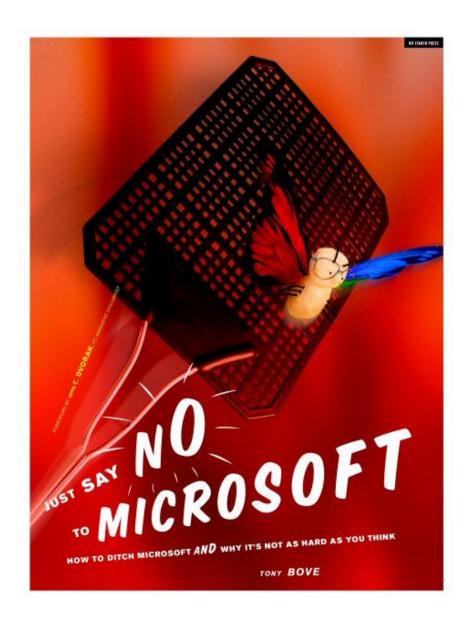


# Helpers

#### Promoters Advocates Friends



## Door Prizes... End Bug #1!



Just Say No to Microsoft begins by tracing Microsoft's rise from tiny startup to monopolistic juggernaut and explains how the company's practices have discouraged innovation, stunted competition, and helped foster an environment ripe for viruses, bugs and hackers.

Readers learn how they can dump Microsoft products and continue to be productive.

Includes full explanations of alternate operating systems, such as Linux and Mac, and outlines various software applications that can replace the familiar Microsoft products

## Support Your LoCo

#### Please Make a Donation

All funds go to supporting group events!



## **Thanks For Coming!**



