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Local Group To Promote 'Free Software' On April 25 In Waterloo

(WATERLOO, NY) – Members of a statewide group that promotes the use of 'free software' will demonstrate Ubuntu Linux and provide free software installations at the Waterloo Holiday Inn on April 25.

The Rochester and Syracuse branches of the New York Local Community Group (NYLoCo), an organization of Ubuntu Linux users, will talk about the benefits of free and open source software. The event is timed to coincide with the release of the newest version of Ubuntu, a community-developed, Linux-based operating system.

“Ubuntu is a great alternative to Microsoft and Apple,” said NYLoCo President Jeremy Austin Bardo. “It's got all the applications you need, plus it's fast, secure and free. That means that people of any income level can afford to use it. In these economic times, I think more and more people will find that attractive.”

The April 25 event starts at 2 p.m. with a series of demonstrations and discussions of open source software in general and Ubuntu in particular. From 4-6 p.m., an installation party will feature refreshments and assistance in installing, or upgrading to, the newest version of Ubuntu. The 2-4 p.m. portion of the event is free. There is a \$5 charge for the party and reservations are required. Reservations can be made via e-mail to: tjaustinbardo@gmail.com.

Ubuntu is 'free software,' meaning it gives the user the freedom to share, study and modify it. Ubuntu can be used on laptops, desktops and servers. It comes with a host of free applications, from word processing and email applications to web server software and programming tools. Ubuntu is and always will be free of charge. Users do not pay any licensing fees. They can download, use and share Ubuntu with friends, family, schools or businesses for no cost. A new release of Ubuntu comes out every six months.

More information:

Ubuntu:	http://www.ubuntu.com
NYLoCo:	http://main.newyork-ubuntu.com/Main/HomePage
Linux:	http://www.linux.org/
Free software:	http://www.fsf.org/