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Linux

www.linux.org

Linux Journal

www.linuxjournal.com

X Windows

www.xfree86.org

Linux Applications

www.linuxapps.com

The GIMP

www.gimp.org

Apache Web Server

www.apache.org

Linux Games

www.linuxgames.org

Linux

the alternative

“ I don't do Windows...and [Linux] is free. ”

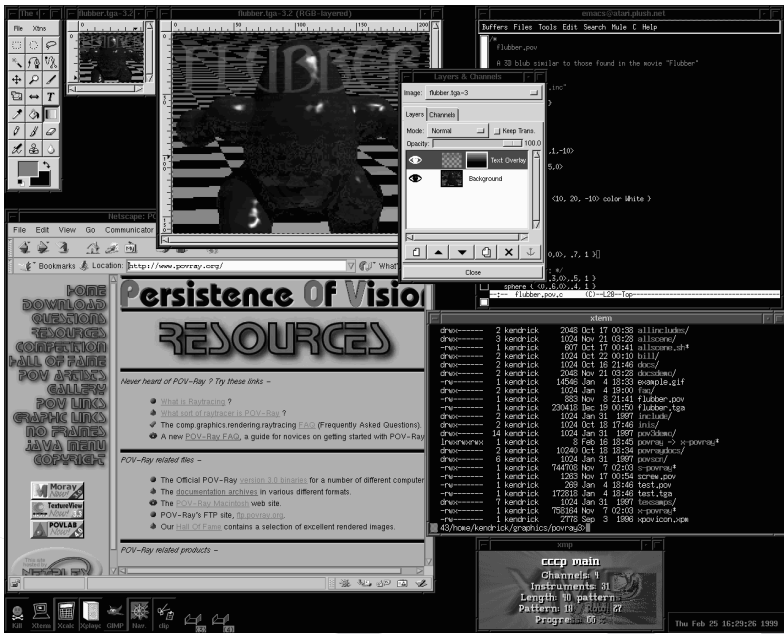
- CNN/Fortune, February 1999

“ Our estimates are that there are but ten million Linux users across the world...and that number is growing yearly. ”

- Bob Young, Red Hat CEO, February 1999

“ In my entire history of running Linux, it has only crashed twice. ”

- MindSpring employee, February 1999



Productivity

There are a wide variety of office suites available for Linux, many that rival if not exceed those available for other operating systems. For image editing, GIMP (the GNU Image Manipulation Program) is rival to PhotoShop.

Internet Capability

Unix was designed with networking in mind. Linux can handle both dialup and network internet connections. Many popular internet applications, including Telnet, FTP, WWW, and IRC, were developed for unix and are still widely available. For web browsing, one of the most popular programs, Netscape Communicator, is available. In addition, Linux is ideal for hosting fast, stable, secure internet servers. The most proliferous web server available, Apache, runs on Linux.

Price

Best of all, Linux is free and can be downloaded off the web. You can also buy it as packaged software for under \$50, paying for technical support, documentation and updates. Much of the software for Linux, including the software mentioned above, is also available for free. This makes Linux an effective and legal alternative for those who can't afford to spend large amounts of money on expensive operating systems and software packages. Also, you don't need state of the art equipment to take full advantage of Linux! Even an old 486 can serve as a powerful computer running Linux. For more information about Linux, go to <http://www.linux.org>.

LU-GoD is the Linux User Group of Davis. Our purposes are to promote the Linux operating system in Yolo County and, in particular, the city of Davis, to provide a social setting in which Linux-using Yolo county residents can meet each other to share ideas, technical know-how and friendship, to provide a support network for residents of Davis, Yolo County, and UCD in use and maintenance of Linux and Unix operating systems, and to contribute to the free software community at large. Please visit <http://www.lugod.org> or email info@lugod.org if you have further questions about either LU-GoD or Linux.

Linux

Linux is a free operating system that can run on an IBM-compatible PC, as well as Macintoshes and many high-end computers. Written in 1991, it has a growing user base of approximately 10 million strong. Linux provides a stable and secure alternative to the Windows family of operating systems. It is a variant of Unix that was developed on the internet by computer enthusiasts and professional programmers with an idealistic streak. Linus Torvalds and the others who have contributed to Linux believe that an operating system should be free. Not only should an operating system be available free of charge, but the users should be able to view and alter the code which was written by the creators of the operating system. Many people are afraid to switch to Linux due to a perceived lack of available software and unattractive interface. This is far from true. Some of the features of Linux include:

Windowed Environment

In addition to a powerful command line interface, Linux includes the XFree86 windowing system. Window Managers such as KDE (<http://www.kde.org>) and AfterStep (<http://www.afterstep.org>) allow you to customize the appearance of your desktop.

Games

Many games have been converted to Linux and others can be run using the Windows emulator, wine. This includes many of the current popular titles like Quake, Starcraft, Diablo and Unreal. There is also a huge selection of free games by independent programmers.

Stability

Due to a policy of open source, Linux is an extremely stable operating system. Many systems can go for months without the need to reboot. And because Linux is open source and is designed for workstation and server use, it is very secure.

