LINUX JOURNAL FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

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This FAQ contains information about *Linux Journal* (*LJ*), the magazine covering the Linux Community. Topics covered include: general/history - content - regular columns - features - conferences - subscriptions - writing for *LJ* - advertising in *LJ* - Linux-related product releases - consultants directory - distributors/retailers - misc - if all else fails ... - subscription order form

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General/History

We see our mission as serving the Linux community while working to promote the use of Linux. Although most of our initial subscribers have come from the Internet, we expect half of our future readers will find *LJ* as their initial source of information on Linux. This means that *LJ* can provide a way for people to find hardware, software, and help in getting themselves going. We see this as a benefit to the Linux newsgroups by reducing "novice" questions as well as our advertisers by providing them with a new way to reach potential new users.

The idea for producing *Linux Journal* arose in early 1993. In late February, 1994 the first issue was mailed. The magazine has received a very positive response--both on the Internet and elsewhere. Issue #18, our September 1995 issue, will be released in mid-August. SSC, publisher of Unix and C Pocket References for over twelve years, publishes *Linux Journal*.

Michael K. Johnson is the editor of *LJ*. He founded the original "man project", which was the forerunner of the current "Linux Documentation Project", and maintains a few Linux packages, as well as the "Linux Kernel Hackers' Guide".

Content

Each issue of *Linux Journal* offers articles that appeal to newcomers, as well as serious technical articles for long-time Unix users. Although *LJ* is Linux-specific, many of the articles are of interest to Unix users and other users of freely redistributable software.

Regular columns include:

- Interviews with prominent Linux personalities
- Book & Product Reviews
- Kernel Corner by Michael K. Johnson
- What's GNU? by Arnold Robbins

as well as a Linux Consultants Directory, New Products, and Letters to the Editor.

Features that have appeared in *Linux Journal* include:

Comparison of Linux, Windows NT and OS/2 by Bernie Thompson (Issue 1)
Tips for Optimizing Memory Usage by Jeff Tranter (Issue 3)
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Porting DOS Applications to Linux by Alan Cox (Issue 17)

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Writing for *Linux Journal*

Articles in *Linux Journal* cover the range from "how do I get started" to kernel hacking. We intend to try to strike a balance so the magazine will be accessible to the newcomer and yet continue to contain useful information to long-term Linux users.

Also, to legitimize Linux to many business Unix users, we offer articles on commercial uses for Linux. They can be in the form of documenting a place/job where Linux is being used commercially, a technical article on development of commercial applications, or reviews of commercial products.

If you are considering writing for *LJ* or have a lead about a commercial use, contact our editor, Michael Johnson. He can be reached via e-mail at ljeditor@ssc.com, or as Editor, ***Linux Journal***, P.O. Box 85867, Seattle, WA 98145-1867

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