

Linux USER

Welcome to the Linux User section of Linux Magazine

Our Linux User section continues to show you what's available on the desktop and the command line, proving that you can get the most out of your Linux system without being an Open Source veteran.

Seeing as the command line is so useful and important to making full use of your system, it seems only right that it should be made as pleasant to use as possible. With this in mind, Desktopia this month shows you ways of altering and beautifying your terminal and shows you how to have fun with it too.

Less is more, some say, and in our Out of the Box section we show you how to make more of *less*. *less*, the command line pager utility, is used by all, but with the help of a little pre-process scripting you can get it to handle a wide range of file types.

With the price of CD writers dropping all the time, it is only fair that some effort should go into the development of the front-end tools that desktop users need to drive them. K-tools this month looks at CD Bake Oven, the latest in a long line of CD burning front-ends, but one that has now learned the lessons of ease and usability, features that some others have lacked. We will also take a walk through many of the features available in CD Bake Oven, some of which are now only just available to Linux users.

And finally... our Internet pages gather together some of the more useful Linux-related Web pages that, all too often, get lost amidst the tangled World Wide Web.



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Into the baking oven



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