New World

Dear Linux Magazine Reader,

Welcome to the new and improved Linux Magazine!

The magazine you are holding in your hands is the result of months of planning and our response to your wishes as expressed in the recent reader survey as well as to general changes in the Linux market.

As the acceptance and professional use of Linux increases and the market matures, the service that the Linux Community expects from our magazine changes. We felt it was time to relaunch the magazine to better meet those needs. Our goal is to continue in our tradition of providing high-quality, useful Linux information while adapting the magazine to meet higher design and technical standards.

Here is an outline of the most important changes that take place with this issue:

Coverdisc

The reader survey shows us that the coverdisc was becoming less and less important. Therefore, we decided to reduce distribution costs by removing the CD from newsstand copies. We will, however, still produce a monthly CD that will be included in subscription copies free of charge.

Lower Price

The cover price has been lowered from a previous £4.99 to just £3.99. In addition, the subscription prices have been reduced significantly, especially for readers outside the UK.

New Design and Layout

We felt that it is important for the cover design and layout of the magazine to emphasize the practical use of the content. Therefore, the new design is cleaner, better structured, and true to the motto "form follows function".

Advanced Content

The average reader is increasingly more knowledgeable in Linux and therefore interested in a higher technical content level. We have responded to this interest by choosing articles with a more advanced level and by adding several new themed sections.

We've added the News subsections *Insecurity* and *Kernel* to inform you on security holes in common Open Source software and the latest kernel developments. The new *Sysadmin* article section covers system and network management issues, with a strong focus on practical use. Further, the old section Beginners is now called *Linux User*. The point is that we are delivering useful information on the practical use of Linux, not an introduction for newbies.

Expanded Geographic Coverage

Although Linux Magazine was originally started as a UK-only publication, it has gained quite an international following. To better serve all readers and to reflect the international aspect of the Linux Community, we are expanding our geographic coverage in both content and distribution. To ensure that everyone can get the magazine delivered to them quickly, we have implemented a much more convenient subscription system with expanded options.

Updated Website

The Linux Magazine website has also been updated to reflect the new look and changes in the magazine. Take a look at the new website at *www.linux-magazine.com*.

With all these changes, it's easy to feel that nothing has stayed the same. To the contrary, the most important aspect has not changed: our goal to bring you the Linux information that you want and need to improve your work with Linux.

We would like to thank all readers for their valuable feedback, and the entire Linux Magazine team for the hard work they have put into this relaunch.

We are very interested in your opinion on the new Linux Magazine and your suggestions for the future. Have a good look through the magazine and send your comments to *edit@linux-magazine.com.*

Enjoy!

We pride ourselves on the origins of our publication, which come from the early days of the Linux revolution.

Our sister publication in Germany, founded in 1994, was the first Linux magazine in Europe. Since then, our network and expertise has grown and expanded with the Linux community around the world.

As a reader of Linux Magazine, you are joining an information network that is dedicated to distributing knowledge and technical expertise. We're not simply reporting on the Linux and Open Source movement, we're part of it.

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