

## Linux New Media Awards 2002

# Simply the Best

During the last year there has been lots of movement in the Linux Community. Linux New Media AG invited several editors, a jury of authors, developers and leading members of the Open Source Community to choose the most significant Linux products and projects of the year 2002.



For the first time the Awards weren't a "Reader's Choice" selection, but rather an "Editor's Choice". In addition to the editors of the German LinuxUser, the German Linux-Magazin and Linux Magazine, a jury of widely known and respected people participated the voting.

Everything was handled by email: First, the jury collected the nominations for several categories, such as "Network Hardware", "Distributions", "Office Packages", "Development Software", "Internet Applications" etc. A few days later the jury members selected their personal top three choices from each of the groups. After collation and calculations it is now time to congratulate and award the winners.

## The Winner takes it all

In the hardware section the Sharp Zaurus, Axiom AX 6113 and Pioneer DVR-104 hit the top spot. For the distributions, it is no surprise that Debian won the race. The jury honoured the work of several key developers who have worked so hard on the free operating system over the past number of years.

The GCC ("GNU Compiler Collection", renamed from "GNU C Compiler" in

1999) won the award for the best development software. As in 2000, OpenOffice won an award. In the "Office Packages" category, the office suite prevailed against the other competitors with a sensational vote of 47.8%.

## Mozilla conquers all

Mozilla triumphed over the email client Mutt and Konqueror browser in the group "Internet Applications". In the "Databases" category, PostgreSQL overtook MySQL for the first time. The swap may have come around due to MySQL lacking some features.

The "Special Award" for "Newcomer of the Year" goes to Gentoo Linux, followed by Ogg Vorbis. Gentoo Linux is a BSD-style ports-based distribution that allows you to build all packages specifically for you machine. Ogg Vorbis is a completely patent unencumbered lossy audio codec, with an excellent psycho-acoustic model.

In the "Linux Companies" category, no specific product was nominated. Instead, the achievements (financial or conceptual) of a particular product or company, were open to selection. IBM won the first prize as the company who has done the most to promote Linux during the last year. ■

## 2002 Winners

### Hardware

#### Mobile Devices

1. Sharp Zaurus	44%
2. Compaq iPAQ	31%
3. Gmate Yopy	25%

#### Network Hardware

1. Axiom AX 6113	34.9%
2. Itranator	30.9%
3. Equinet	23.3%

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1. Pioneer DVR-104	23.9%
2. ATI FireGL 4	23.1%
3. Fujitsu Siemens Memorybird	14.6%

### Software

#### Distributions

1. Debian	28.8%
2. Knoppix	25.7%
3. SuSE	13.1%

#### Development Software

1. GCC	25.5%
2. KDevelop	15.2%
3. Eclipse	13.6%

#### Office Packages

1. Open Office	47.8%
2. KOffice	11.3%
3. Star Office	10.1%

#### Internet Applications

1. Mozilla	29.4%
2. Mutt	17.2%
3. Konqueror	16.7%

### Databases

1. PostgreSQL	39.6%
2. MySQL	33.7%
3. DB2	9.5%

### Special

#### Newcomer of the Year Linux

1. Gentoo	24.4%
1. Ogg Vorbis	24.4%
2. Video Disk Recorder	17.2%

#### Linux Companies

1. IBM	33.5%
2. O'Reilly	15.6%
3. Red Hat	11.0%

## The 2002 Jury



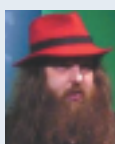
**Bernhard Bablok**, Java expert, has been writing for Linux-Magazin for several years. He's a software developer at the Allianz Insurance Company.

**Fionn Behrens** is a true game junkie, and writes about his experiences with the Linux gaming arena for Linux Magazine and LinuxUser.

**Frank Bernhard** is a security expert. He was one of the first people who dealt with dedicated firewall systems using Linux.



**Simon Budig** is one of the people behind the GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program). He is a passionate supporter of Open Source.



You may not be able to understand 90% of what he says, or even his kernel code, but you'll definitely recognize **Alan Cox** as one of the first and most active hackers in the community.

**Matthias Kalle Dalheimer**, founding member of the KDE project, now lives in his favourite country Sweden and works at his own company Klarälvdalens Datakonsult AB.

**Mirko Dölle** dismantles every computer he can get his hands on, and publishes his confessions as the hardware expert for Linux Magazine and LinuxUser.

**Michael Engel** is a Power PC expert, in particular on running Linux on that platform.



**Hans-Georg Eßer**, as the editor-in-chief, has been responsible for LinuxUser since its first days. He also is the author of several Linux books.

**Nils Färber** writes articles for Linux-Magazin from time to time, and likes dealing with Linux on non-X86-platforms.

**Björn Ganslandt** is a fan of GNOME and takes an active interest in the software available for it. He regularly publishes articles about his experiences in LinuxUser.

**Bdale Garbee** works for Hewlett Packard, where he is developing a Linux distribution for them. Also, he holds the position of Debian Project Leader.

**Johnny Graber** helps run <http://www.linux-community.de>, and moderates articles on that site.

**Georg C. F. Greve** is the president of the Free Software Foundation Europe (FSFE), and writes our monthly column "Brave GNU World".

**Andreas Grytz** works as a news researcher for Linux-Magazin. Also, he writes articles for LinuxUser and the community forum <http://www.linux-community.de>.



The "Linux Evangelist" **Jon "maddog" Hall** preaches for the free OS all over the world. He's the Executive Director of Linux International and one of the community's most outspoken voices.

**Andreas Huchler** works as a freelancer for Linux-Magazin and LinuxUser. He writes mostly about new software.

**Patricia Jung** is the deputy editor-in-chief of LinuxUser. In her free time she runs a Linux mailing list for women ([lynn@lists.answergirl.de](mailto:lynn@lists.answergirl.de)).

**Jan Kleinert** is the editor-in-chief of Linux-Magazin.



**Harald König** is one of the XFree86 developers and likes to work miracles on exotic hardware, preferably split over multiple displays.

**Michael Kleinhenz** helps organize LinuxTag, one of Europe's largest Linux events.

**Michael Kofler** works as a full-time writer for Addison Wesley and has published several books about Linux, MySQL and Maple. Some of his works have been translated into several languages. He's the author of one of the standard Linux books: "Linux - Installation, Configuration, Use".



**Charly Kühnast** takes care of the servers at the KRZN computer centre and publishes his useful sysadmin tips & tricks in Linux Magazine.

**Achim Leitner**, head of Linux New Media's competence center "Network & Security", oversees all articles in this field.

**Sebastian Raible** just finished school. He helps run the <http://www.linux-community.de/> website.

**Christian Reiser** enjoys testing the Linux compatibility of various hardware and publishes articles to share his experiences.



**Daniel Riek** is a board member of the LIVE ("Linux-Verband e.V.") organisation and speaks out against the dangers of software patents.



**Michael Schilli** is a Perl guru and regular contributor to Linux-Magazin, with columns on Perl programming. He currently lives in America.



**Tom Schwaller**, now Linux IT architect & Linux evangelist at IBM, was editor-in-chief of Linux-Magazin for several years.

**Tim Schürmann**, office software expert, frequently writes reviews for LinuxUser of the latest Office suites for Linux.



**John Southern**, is editor-in-chief of Linux Magazine and one of the organizers of the Greater London Linux User Group (GLUG).



**Marianne Wachholz** is a real free software enthusiast and writes articles on that topic for LinuxUser.

**Max J. Werner** moderates threads on the forum <http://www.linux-community.de/>.

**Ulrich Wolf**, is deputy editor-in-chief of Linux-Magazin and a regular contributor of Linux Magazine.



**Oliver Zendel** is chairman of LinuxTag, one of the first large Linux events organized by the community.