

# World Domination



Dear Linux Magazine Reader,

This month has had plenty of ups and downs. It all started to go wrong with a CPU fan failing through dust. Next

three machines died after a power surge. Time to buy protection, but it was too late for some of the chips. With the major Linux distributions releasing new versions I could see my time being eaten away.

I regularly have to install Linux but with three new machines and what seemed like a small army of friends and acquaintances all deciding that now would be a good time for their new computers I had to sit down and plan the timing to cause the least amount of inconvenience, for everyone.

Optimism and the constant request for just one more new piece of hardware pushed the free time into negative figures. Hectic running around and all space being taken up soak testing hardware eventually gave way to working computers and friends' smiles.

## Searching for new worlds

Linux is constantly changing. As hardware improves we find new opportunities to make the most of faster systems. Linux is no longer limited to being a server, but can now cope with everyday applications. Hardware has diversified to the biggest and also the smallest of devices.

Write in and tell us what you are passionate about. We can then share that with others so helping all. Better still, write an article yourself to share your enthusiasm with other readers!

New distributions, once acquired, meant I could suffer the agony of trying to configure my machines just how I like them. New software was tested, not always being kept. Eventually these efforts paid off with more secure machines running more modern software. The new fonts and themes will help save my eye sight a little longer.

A friend called requesting a proprietary operating system be loaded onto his newly built office computer. A disc was purchased and the joy of installation could begin. It failed after a few minutes and I resorted to trying to load in Knoppix. This soon helped conclude that the hard disk was fastened in a little too keenly in the case. After loosening it, I could continue with the required installation.

The CD did not include drivers for additional hardware. Amongst a plethora of my own CDs, we managed to find all the drivers except the one for the modem. This is problematic as to download the driver requires the hardware to work.

Eventually the problem was overcome and we turned to applications. Another mound of CDs appeared and soon the computer was set-up as requested. At this point I was chastised for not installing the Knoppix or another Linux distribution as that had seen to be easier. What can you do? If I had installed I would have not given what was asked. After adding Linux as a dual boot system I was free to go home.

The next week passed with a series of Linux related questions, but these soon tailed off. Another week passed. I then

received a call asking if I could visit again. The friend wanted an operating system removed as dual booting was too confusing. Formatting a partition seemed to please all concerned and smiles on friends' faces make the world better.

As I walked back to the Mini, some part of my grin could be attributed to the fact that he kept the Linux. Only one machine more, but world domination is a step closer.

Onward the revolution,

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