

Linux Magazine DVD



Dear Linux Magazine Reader,

To DVD or not to DVD – that was the question. As you will see described on pages 96-97, we now provide an optional DVD with

each issue. At the same time, we no longer produce a Subscriber CD each month.

Why a DVD?

The average software package size and the overall amount of interesting Linux and Open Source software is rapidly growing. With the CD, we were no longer able to include many packages that we thought were worthwhile because they were just too large. In addition, we wanted to be able to supply versions of the software for at least the SUSE, Red Hat, Mandrake, and Debian distributions.

What to expect

Each month's DVD will have a different focus. One recurring theme will be full distribution packages. Modern distributions with all the related applications and tools now easily take up a full DVD, and some of these are not available for download in this form. Our DVD gives you the chance to test various distributions throughout the year.

Further, we will help you stay up-to-date on additional Open Source software packages such as with this month's DVD containing the latest KDE, Gnome, and OpenOffice. All

work and no play is of course too boring, so we'll make sure to include some Fun and Games as well.

In short, the Linux Magazine DVD will provide you with new and interesting software to try, keep you current on standard applications, and surprise you with some special features.

DVD availability

To meet the high demand in the UK, the DVD will be included as a covermount on all UK newsstand copies. Currently, newsstand copies in other countries will remain without the DVD. This is due to various logistical difficulties, licensing issues, import regulations and distribution channel specifications. We will continue to evaluate newsstand distribution in all countries and make the DVD available where we can do so at a reasonable price.

However, this does not mean that you can only get the DVD in the UK! To make sure all readers can benefit, we have introduced a DVD Subscription, which includes the monthly DVD in addition to the magazine. We will also continue to offer a Standard Subscription, which is the magazine only. You can find all prices and options on the form between pages 66 and 67, or online under <http://www.linux-magazine.com/Subs>.

What if I already subscribe?

Current subscribers should have received a letter outlining compensation for the discontinued CD and an offer for upgrading to a DVD Subscription. If you have not received this letter, please notify us over subs@linux-magazine.com.



LINUX MAGAZINE

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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What do you think?

As with any change, our goal is always to better serve our readers. Let us know how we're doing and what you think of the DVD by sending your comments to letters@linux-magazine.com.

From the entire Linux Magazine team, thanks for your continued support and enjoy the DVD!

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