

LINUX EXPO

BIRMINGHAM 2002

This year's Linux Expo will be take place in Birmingham on *29 and 30 May at the NEC. Following on from the very successful shows held in Paris, Amsterdam, Madrid, Montreal, Shanghai and Sao Paulo, this show is something that anyone with an interest in the development and promotion of Linux cannot afford to miss.

Clamouring for the title of 'Premier UK show for Open Source and GNU/Linux solutions' this is bound to be a popular event, but you can still register for free on the show's Web site: <http://www.linuxexpobirmingham.com/EN/home/>. This event is split up into two parts, so running alongside the expo will be a conference, which is an event in it's own right.

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It is at the exposition where you will be able view and gain a better understanding of the Linux marketplace, with its wide range of products and services, and includes offerings from major players in the information technology arena, like Borland, to some of the small, niche service providers.

It is thanks to expositions like this one which give rise to the chance to bring together people from a wide range of disciplines. Here you'll get the chance to mix with hardware and software developers, users in both corporate and domestic markets and those who have wares, services and products to bring to the market place.

Developers in GNU/Linux and other Free and Open Source projects, who have fundamentally made Linux what it is, will be able to attend thanks to the generosity of the organisers in providing the 'Community Village', a vital link and a not-to-be-missed chance to make contact with this most important sector of the Linux world.

Companies, like IBM, will be there, offering you the chance to see their latest related products and allowing you to assess their commitment to the Linux phenomenon, with stand size being only one reflection of that commitment. Here you get the



opportunity to discuss issues face to face, which will hopefully allow you to build your confidence in the company and their products. Most importantly, there is always the chance to get some freebies.

Users, especially those who are keen to make the migration away from other platforms now have the chance to see what is available for them and their situation. At this one meeting you

can see and evaluate what products are available, get a good idea as to what is going to be made available in the future and get the chance to discuss your problems and issues with those people who are going to make the future. It is here also that you get a unique chance to meet people such as yourself, to discuss, share, and hopefully, collectively solve the problems you currently face.

The Expo Conference

During the conference you will be able to hear the views of some of the people that have made Linux what it is and who are charged with the responsibility of designing its future.

A cycle of nine conferences will be held, covering all of the important market topics and highlighting the major issues affecting the Linux world. This is another unique chance to meet the top specialists and hear what they have to say!

For those with more practical needs, you are welcome to attend the Conference tutorial sessions, which are specially designed to provide technical information on a wide variety of subjects in convenient two-hour sessions. These include real, interactive, training sessions, which will prove to be popular, so you should look to make reserve a place by booking, which, again, can be done through the Web site.

Info

Linux Expo 2002 Web site:

<http://www.linuxexpobirmingham.com/EN/home/>

On *May 29-30 2002, the Birmingham NEC will host this event dedicated to the UK Open Source, Free software and GNU/Linux solutions market

*All dates correct at time of going to press. However we strongly recommended you check the Web site: www.linuxexpobirmingham.com to ensure you are not disappointed.