Ubuntu Open Week

November 02–November 06 2009

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In just five years, Ubuntu has become one of the most popular Linux distributions in the world with millions of users and a thriving community. Ever wondered what all the fuss is about? How have we achieved such a great feat in such a short space of time? Here's where you can find out. The Ubuntu Open Week is a week of IRC tuition and Q+A sessions all about getting involved in the rock-and-roll world that is the Ubuntu community. Make sure you mark the dates from Monday, November 2nd, 2009 to Friday, November 6th, 2009 in your calendar!

We organize this week for the beginning of a new release cycle to help new contributors get involved.

Ubuntu Open Week is a series of online workshops where you can:

- learn about the Ubuntu landscape
- talk to some of the key developers from the Ubuntu project
- find out about the Community and its relationship with Canonical
- participate in an open Q&A with Mark Shuttleworth, the founder of Ubuntu
- much more...

It is important to us to focus on hands-on sessions, where you get to ask questions, participate in real time discussions, and find out more about how you can contribute to the Ubuntu Project. Still not convinced Ubuntu Open Week is for you? The ask yourself a few key question

- Do you like to make things work again?
- Do you like working on software?
- Do you like working with fantastic people?
- Do you want to help contribute and learn more about how you can help?

If you can answer at least one of the questions above with "YES!", Ubuntu Open Week definitely is the right thing for you.
All information is available at:
https://wiki.ubuntu.com/UbuntuOpenWeek

Who, What, Where, When, Why, and how can you contribute?

There are many ways to contribute to Ubuntu, not necessarily through being a developer. Contribution comes in many forms! Ubuntu Open week will show you how you can interact and take part in this wonderful Community. Many of these areas will be covered during the week, to give you an insight on how you can contribute to Ubuntu.

Here are a few ways to begin your interaction in the community:
IRC
Mailing lists
LoCo group Meetings
Global Jams
UDS

https://help.ubuntu.com/community/InternetRelayChat

Sessions

	Mon 31st Aug	Tue 1st Sep	Wed 2nd Sep	Thu 3rd Sep	Fri 4th Sep
15:00 UTC	Introduction Jono Bacon	Ubuntu Moblin Remix Bill Filler and Crew	Ask Mark Mark Shuttleworth	Getting Started in Ubuntu Development James Westby and Daniel Holbach	Open Session
16:00 UTC	Be your neighbor's Ubuntu Guru Fabian Rodriguez	Writing a book emmajane	Leadership Workshop Jono Bacon	Getting Started in Ubuntu Development James Westby and Daniel Holbach	How to run Ubuntu+1 Jorge Castro
17:00 UTC	Ubuntu Weekly Newsletter: Or How To Achieve Organization Out Of Chaos tyche	Getting People Involved in your LoCo/Team Jono Bacon	Making Screencast DKcross	Basics of and Behavior in Ubuntu IRC channels jussi01 and mneptok	AppArmor John Johansen
18:00 UTC	Scratch your own itch, learn how to write your own ap Rick Spencer	Byobu DustinKirkland	First steps in ranslating Ubuntu David Planella	KVM and Virt-Manager DustinKirkland	Kernel QA Leann Ogasawara
19:00 UTC	Ubuntu One Joshua Hoover	ISO Testing Tracker Ara Pulido	Kubuntu Netbook Scott Kitterman Edition	Welcome to the new Edubuntu Stéphane Graber	Resolving Bug One BethLynn Eicher
20:00 UTC	What to do when hings go wrong Alan Pope	Learning Project Elizabeth Krumbach	Intro to GIMP akk	WIOS – Issues Elizabeth Krumbach	Introduction to the Ubuntu Documentation Project TBA
21:00 UTC	Reporting Bugs Brian Murray	Writing Secure Code Kees Cook	Giving Useful Feedback Murat Güne	WIOS – Encouragement Mackenzie Morgan	Introducing the Telepathy Stack Ken Vandine
22:00 UTC	Running a FOSS Event czajkowski	Getting KDE 4 ready for LTS Jonathan Riddell	Ubuntu Membership Nathan Handler	How to win with compatibility (and why Wine is made of win) Scott Ritchie	Feedback and Ideas for next time Jorge Castro

Session Descriptions and Leads

Monday

Introduction – Jono Bacon kicks off Open Week with our introduction. As the Ubuntu Community Manager Jono will explain how the week works and what to expect and then will open it up to questions for the remainder of the session. In his spare time Jono enjoys rocking out to heavy metal, cohosting FLOSS Weekly and writing books.

[Be your neighbor's Ubuntu Guru] Fabian Rodriguez shares a few tips and tricks on how to introduce your neighbors, friends or colleagues to Ubuntu without becoming their 24/7 dedicated "computer tech". Empower them to become autonomous and be part of the community (or not!) with some technical support power tricks and key, chosen URLs that will help quickly understand Ubuntu and free software.

Fabian works at Canonical's Global Support Services center in Montreal, Canada as a senior support analyst since November 2006. He's also active in many Ubuntu teams and free software projects since he discovered Linux in 2003, after being a Windows "power-user" for 13 years.

Ubuntu Weekly Newsletter: Or How To Achieve Organization Out Of Chaos – Craig Eddy, known as Tyche in IRC, is a member of the Arizona LoCo, an Ubuntu member, and editor of the AZ LoCo Team newsletter, the Ubuntu Weekly Newsletter and the Fridge. The son-of-a-music-teacher, his mentoring skills include not only the UWN but any field of knowledge to which he has sufficient knowledge and experience. Those skills include his particular brand of humor, encouragement, constructive criticism, and an honest interest in helping a person to achieve competence in a particular field. In this session on "Ubuntu Weekly Newsletter: Or How To Achieve Organization Out Of Chaos" he will explain how the newsletter goes from a template to the weekly publication you now enjoy. He will also explain how you can get involved.

[Scratch your own itch, learn how to write your own app] – Rick Spencer. Rick Spencer is not only the leader of the Ubuntu Desktop team, but also one of the lead hackers on quickly. He has a wealth of hacking experience and with Quickly wanted to easily expose a fresh hacker to the power that our Desktop application frameworks have and the ultimate fun that it is. In this session Rick will be talking about Quickly,

[Ubuntu One is your personal cloud] – Josh Hoover. Come find out what that means as we walk through Ubuntu One features and answer questions you may have aboutthis exciting new addition to Ubuntu.

Josh Hoover is the project administrator on the Ubuntu One team. He spends most of his time obsessing over many aspects of the Ubuntu One projects and helping Ubuntu One users in the usual hangouts. In his spare time, Joshua enjoys hanging out with his wife and two children and as of late, can be spotted being dragged down the streets of SW Missouri by his families' two new (sled) dogs.

What to do when things go wrong – In this session Alan Pope will show what to do and where to go when Ubuntu doesn't do what you expect. Alan has been using Ubuntu for 5 years and has seen plenty of things break on his own and other people's systems.

[Reporting Bugs] – Brian Murray – Have a problem with Ubuntu? Learn how to report bugs with the QA Bugmaster, Brian Murray. This session will concentrate on bugs best practices and tips for creating better bug reports. He is part of the Portland Posse and is a Batman fan.

[Running a FOSS Event] – Laura Czajkowski In this Session Laura will share with us her talents for organizing FOSS events. If you have wanted to organize an event but aren't sure where to start this session is for you. Laura Czajkowski is organizer extraordinaire. She a very active member of the Ireland Loco Team and organizes every thing from geeknics to OSSBarcamps. She is willing to mentor and help those that want to get their feet wet and learn how to organize FOSS events.

Tuesday

[Writing a Book: A Tour of Ubuntu for Aspiring Authors]
Do you have a great idea for a book? Are you itching to be a Published Author but wonder what it really takes? You're not alone! In this one-hour talk open source author Emma Jane Hogbin will explain the process of producing a book. She'll walk you through each of the steps from idea to distribution. You'll learn about the open source tools she used to write Front End Drupal, getting a deal with a publisher and the benefits of self-publishing. If you're an aspiring author, this presentation is for you. Don't forget to bring your questions.

Emma Jane Hogbin is an internationally renowned open source software advocate and technical author. Her first book, Front End Drupal, is recognized in the industry as the most important book for Drupal designers. Through her talks on The 100-Mile Client Roster and women in technology Emma is helping to transform the way we work. She is a frequent speaker at open source conferences in Canada, the US and Europe and likes single malt whiskey. These two things are probably not related.

Getting People Involved in your LoCo/Team – Jono Bacon
This session will be about how to expand your Local Team and how you can transform it from just a group of people hanging out to a force for good in the Ubuntu world.

Byobu – DustinKirkland – In the not so humble opinion of its author, Byobu is one of the most useful applications to land in the Ubuntu Server in 2009! Participants of this session will join a shared screen session in EC2 through SSH, and receive a tour of Ubuntu's command-line window manager. Learn how to create and browse windows, attach/detach from sessions, toggle notifications, customize the settings, all from a command line interface. This application is a must for users of the Ubuntu Server!

Dustin Kirkland is a core developer of the Ubuntu Server. He's helping you cryptographically protect your data (eCryptfs & encrypted home directories), improve the energy efficiency of your data center (powernap & powerwake), and virtualize your workloads (qemu, kvm, libvirt, eucalyptus). When he's not doing that, he's training for the 2010 Austin Marathon, taking his dogs to the lake, or planning his next hike across Scotland.
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[ISO Testing Tracker] – Ara Pulido. This session will cover the web application that we use to track the testing of Ubuntu milestones. Ara Pulido, from the Ubuntu QA team, would help you setting up an account in the tracker and will explain how easy is to test Ubuntu ISO images and report your findings.

Ara Pulido is joining Ubuntu Open Week to excite us about Desktop testing and showing us how easy and how much fun it can be. She lives in Spain and likes couches.

[Learning Project] This session will give details about the new Ubuntu Community Learning Project, which seeks to develop course material by the community and for the community. It will be covering project goals, general project status and how to individuals can get involved. **Elizabeth Krumbach** will be presenting this session, she is a board member on the project and has been involved in technical review of professional coursework as well as being locally involved with launching on-site training for her LoCo team.

[Writing Secure Code] – This session will be a Tutorial covering an overview of many best-practices to use when writing software, lead by **Kees Cook**. Kees is a member of the Ubuntu Security Team. If you keep your Ubuntu system up to date, you're used to seeing security updates come in from them. Kees has been working to build many pro-active security measures into Ubuntu, and has a keen eye for vulnerabilities. Getting software written securely the first time means not having to clean up messes later.

Getting KDE 4 ready for LTS – Jonathan Riddell – XXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Jonathan is a developers for Kubuntu and KDE. He works for Canonical from his bedroom in Edinburgh.

Wednesday

[Ask Mark] – Mark Shuttleworth – Mark is founder of the Ubuntu Project, an enterprise Linux distribution that is freely available worldwide and has both cutting-edge desktop and enterprise server editions, and has become very popular.

He moved to London in 2001, and began preparing for the First African in Space mission, training in Star City, Russia, and Khazakstan. In April 2002 Mark flew in space, as a cosmonaut member of the crew of Soyuz mission TM34 to the International Space Station. In early 2004 he founded the Ubuntu project, which aims to produce a free, high quality desktop OS for everybody. This moderated session is for people to ask Mark about things they might be curious about.

Leadership Workshop – Jono Bacon In this session, Jono Bacon will share some tips and tricks on leading a team, how to enable the team to do great work and how to manage conflict scenarios. This is an ideal opportunity for Ubuntu and LoCo team leaders to help lead there teams and be productive and engaged.

[Making Screencast] – DKcross – This session is about documentation, but in one diferent form to help to community, we can use our desktop for explain any things, we have any tools like "recordmydesktop" and we can use to make screencast, i will explain the screencast concept, and i will help to make screencast with some tips.
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[First steps in translating Ubuntu] – David Planella, often referred to as "the man with the plan" lives and breathes Ubuntu translations. He is from Catalonia, lives in Germany and speaks several languages fluently. He is a lot of fun to work with, very kind and the fourth Horsemen.

Kubuntu Netbook – Scott Kitterman Edition is a freelance Linux hacker and writer, a longtime Linux and GIMP user and author of the book "Beginning GIMP: From Novice to Professional.

[Intro to GIMP] – Akkana Peck This session will give details about the new Ubuntu Community Learning Project, which seeks to develop course material by the community and for the community. It will be covering project goals, general project status and how to individuals can get involved. Elizabeth Krumbach will be presenting this session, she is a board member on the project and has been involved in technical review of professional coursework as well as being locally involved with launching on-site training for her LoCo team.

[Giving Useful Feedback] – Murat Günes Murat is part of the Ubuntu Quality Assurance Team, triages bugs and takes part in coordinating community testing, with a focus on design and usability issues. In this session he will be sharing tips on making your feedback genuinely useful to various contributors to free software,including developers, bug triagers and designers.

Ubuntu Membership – Nathan Handler – The session will talk about what it means to be an Ubuntu member and how to become one. It will talk about the various paths a person can take to become a member (i.e. Regional Membership Board, MOTU Council/Developer Membership Board, Kubuntu Council, etc), and explain some of the things that the various councils look for in determining whether or not to grant membership to a person

Thursday

[Getting Started in Ubuntu Development / How to Fix Bugs in Ubuntu] – Daniel Holbach and James Westby take you on a tour of Ubuntu development. Daniel Holbach got involved in Ubuntu Development somewhere between the Warty and the Hoary cycle. He says "When I started, everybody was so helpful and gave me a warm welcome. I made my mistakes, learned a lot along the way and had a fantastic time. The feeling of getting your first fix uploaded and knowing 'This is going to fix the problem of thousands of users around the globe!' is just overwhelming. I want everybody who starts out today to have a similar experience!" James Westby is another incredible workhorse of the Ubuntu community. He is not only our man for Distributed Development, he also very much likes helping people into the project. He is a fantastic Drum'n'Bass DJ and likes horses. Together Daniel and James are known as the DJ Brothers.

Basics of and Behavior in Ubuntu IRC channels – Jussi Shultink (jussi01) and Kurt von Finck – IRC is one of the primary communication methods used in the Ubuntu universe. This session will guide you through IRC best practices and etiquette. Learn where and how to ask questions to receive the best help possible. Learn what to do, and what not to do. Official Ubuntu IRC ops will help you learn how to make IRC an effective tool for giving and receiving help!"

KVM: VMWare, VirtualBox, OpenVZ, Xen: – software this session *is not* about. KVM, Libvirt, Virt-manager: software this session *is* about. Join us to learn how you can turn your Ubuntu desktop or server into a virtual machine hypervisor for free, running Linux and Windows guests. We'll discuss both the kvm command line interface, as well as the graphical virt-manager application. "Let's get virtual, virtual!"

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[Welcome to the new Edubuntu] – Stéphane Graber will take us through – the Edubuntu distribution started in 2005 as an Ubuntu derivative for education and made popular by the addition of LTSP and included educational applications. Over the last few years, the project went through a lot of changes including moving LTSP to Ubuntu itself, becoming an add-on on top of Ubuntu and even changing its name for a while. The Edubuntu council and the Edubuntu community has been working for the past few months on defining clear goals and tasks to have a rocking distribution. This session will help you know more about the current state of Edubuntu, what's planned for the future, how you can help and answer your questions.

Stéphane Graber is an Ubuntu core developer, mainly working on maintaining LTSP, LTSP-Cluster, iTalc and the Edubuntu distribution in Ubuntu. He's currently one of the Edubuntu council members and has been involved in the Edubuntu and education-related community for years. He's working for Revolution Linux in Canada working on large-scale deployment of LTSP-Cluster networks in education (amongst other things).

Women in Open Source – Issues: In this session **Elizabeth Krumbach** will be discussing Issues confronting women who get involved with open source and discuss reasons behind the existence of the Ubuntu Women project. Elizabeth founded a local LinuxChix chapter in 2003 and has been active in the general Open Source world since her first project contribution in 2005. This session is a precursor for the session that follows, where Mackenzie Morgan will be discussing how these issues can be addressed and trends reversed.

WIOS – Encouragement – Mackenzie Morgan is a developer-in-training. She tries to grease the wheels to move patches through to you (the users) faster. She's been around for a few years now and is totally up for helping people who want to learn a bit about development.

How to win with compatibility (and why Wine is made of win) – Scott Ritchie – Scott Ritchie has been a volunteer Ubuntu Developer for 5 years.Although he is responsible for all things Wine in Ubuntu, he works onother parts of the distribution as well.
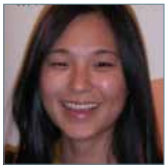
Friday

[How to Run Ubuntu+1] – Jorge Castro will be going over the ins and outs of running a development release. Having run all forms of Ubuntu since Warty and Debian Sid for years before that, Jorge will guide you through the common landmines and how to avoid the dreaded reinstall. This session is for the tinkerers and people who aren't afraid to blow stuff up.

[AppArmor] – JohnJohansen – This session will cover the basics of using AppArmor to confine an application with John Johansen. He works on the Kernel team on AppArmor and Virtualization. John is likes hiking, camping, hanging out at the beach and playing with his kids. He lives in the Portland area.

[Kernel Q+A] – This session will be a Question and Answer session about the Linux kernel with Leann Ogasawara. She works on Quality Assurance for Ubuntu's kernel. Chances are good that if you ever had a problem with the Ubuntu Linux kernel, you were in touch with Leann and she probably still knows the bug number. She is in a perfect position to teach you how to stay efficient with problems on such a many faceted project as the Linux kernel and how to debug it. Leann likes running and almost wins every time. She is part of the Portland posse.

[Resolving Bug One] – Beth Lynn Eicher is a professional Linux System Administrator of over 10 years. With a passion for open source, Mrs. Eicher has organized dozens of events for Western PA Linux Users Group as well as being a key contributor to the Ohio LinuxFest. While overcome with the joy of community she experienced at South East LinuxFest, she made the bold claim that bug one will be resolved July 2011. She believes this change is possible through fostering current relationships by helping friends and family get started with Linux. During OpenWeek on Mrs. Eicher will describe where Microsoft holds majority market share and what we, the Ubuntu community, can do about it.

Introducing the Telepathy Stack – Ken VanDine is the Integration Engineer on the Ubuntu Desktop Team, working primarily with the Desktop Experience Ayatana and Online Services teams to deliver the latest and greatest "hotness" to the Ubuntu Desktop. He is also passionate about Telepathy, and it's role in the future of the desktop

[Feedback and Ideas for next time] – JorgeCastro We're always looking to improve and expand Open Week. In this session we're going to bounce around your ideas and feedback on how to make Open Week better for everyone!