

# What is Linux?

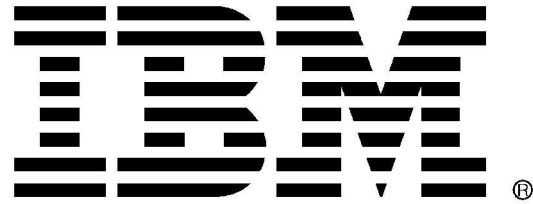
Linux ("lee-nooks") is a core part of a modern multi-user computer operating system developed by a world-wide network of enthusiasts and professionals under the terms of the GNU General Public License (GPL). The GPL enables the end user to view, modify and redistribute the source code for programs. This model of license leads to a "peer review" model of software development, since no part of the program remains hidden from a developer or reviewer.

Many major organisations including IBM, Hewlett-Packard/Compaq, Dell, the Deutscher Bundestag (German Parliament), the European Space Organisation, and Pixar are adopting Linux based systems for a variety of tasks, from reliable network servers to stable and secure personal desktop machines.

The Linux kernel, in combination with a large selection of "user space" tools and utility programs are packaged to create complete computer operating systems, by groups like Red Hat, Debian, SuSE, and Mandrake.

More information on Linux is available from <http://www.linux.com/> and <http://www.linux.org/>

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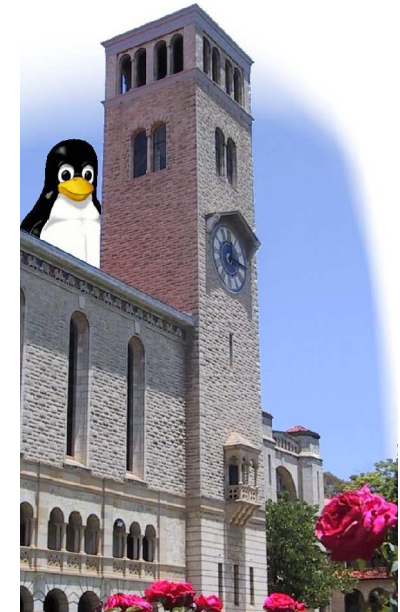
## More information

<http://conf.linux.org.au/>



## Linux.conf.au

# 2003



**University of Western Australia**

**Perth**

**22 Jan - 26 Jan 2003**

## About LCA

Linux.conf.au is a national "roaming" conference under the auspices of Linux Australia Inc. (<http://www.linux.org.au>). Its original incarnation was under the name of "Conference of Australian Linux Users" (CALU), held in Melbourne at Monash University in 1999. In January 2001 it was renamed to "Linux.conf.au" and held in Sydney at the University of New South Wales by the Sydney Linux User Group (SLUG). In 2002 it was held in Brisbane at the University of Queensland by the Home Unix Machines Brisbane User Group (HUMBUG). LCA is sometimes called the "Ottawa Linux Symposium of the Southern Hemisphere".

LCA has an excellent reputation in the international community for having a very technically focused, yet relaxed conference schedule. All presenters are selected from the Linux community and are of the highest calibre to ensure a high "signal to noise" ratio.

The world-famous Australian spirit of friendship and generosity always helps to make an LCA a memorable experience.

## About LCA 2003

The Perth Linux Users Group (PLUG) will be hosting Linux.conf.au in January 2003. LCA is a technical conference for professionals, enthusiasts and students of Linux and Open Source. Technical papers are presented in a lecture style environment, with keynote presentations by a select few luminaries from the global Linux and Open Source community.

There are 30 - 50 presenters with around 60 - 80 sessions, tutorials and discussion sessions.

LCA 2003 will be held at The University of Western Australia, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> January - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2003. Accommodation has been set aside for attendees of LCA 2003 at Currie Hall, the University's own Hall of Residence, adjacent to the campus.

The conference also offers the invaluable chance to meet people involved in the industry from around the world.

IBM is positioned as a major supporter of the Linux community and will continue as the Penguin sponsor of Linux.conf.au in 2003.

## Where is Perth?

Perth is located on the left side of Australia. 32° 58' 52.1" South, 115° 49' 11.7" East. It is a city of around 2 million, some of which use Linux and like it a lot, and some of which just don't understand yet.

There are many dangerous things to do, and attractions to visit in Perth. For ideas and more information on what you can do in Perth, visit <http://conf.linux.org.au/danger/>

## Registrations

Registrations will be opening around July 2002. Stay tuned to <http://conf.linux.org.au/> for details.

## Call for Papers

The Call for Papers will be open until the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2002. Submissions are welcome from all facets of the Open Source community. Past topics have ranged from flight simulators and Samba to filesystems and kernel hacking and even "Why BSD is better than Linux". For more information, visit <http://conf.linux.org.au/cfp.html>