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LINUX JOURNAL FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

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This FAQ contains information about *Linux Journal* (*LJ*), the magazine covering the Linux Community. Topics covered include: general/history - content - regular columns - features - conferences - subscriptions - writing for *LJ* - advertising in *LJ* - Linux-related product releases - distributors/retailers - misc - if all else fails ... - subscription order form.

General/History

Our mission is to serve the Linux community and to promote the use of Linux worldwide. *Linux Journal* provides a way for people to find both hardware and software, and helps in getting started and staying on the cutting edge. *LJ*'s content is a benefit to the reader by providing information, to the Linux newsgroups by reducing "novice" questions and to advertisers by providing them with a way to reach potential new customers.

Phil Hughes came up with the idea for producing *Linux Journal* in early 1993. He is the founder, first editor and current publisher of the magazine. In late February 1994, the first issue was mailed. The magazine has received a very positive response--both on the Internet and elsewhere. Our Editor at Large is Richard Vernon.

Issue #77, our August issue is on the stands now.
The 2000 Buyer's Guide is also on the stands now through the end of October.
Issue #78, our October issue, will be released in mid-September.

Linux Journal is published by Specialized Systems Consultants (SSC), publisher of UNIX and C Pocket References since 1983. For additional information, including the table of contents for all our past issues and selected articles, look on the *Linux Journal* web site: http://www.linuxjournal.com/.

Linux Gazette

On August 1, 1996, *Linux Journal* took over the publication of *Linux Gazette* from John Fisk. We have always felt that *Linux Gazette* fills a niche that *LJ* cannot. Being online, the *Gazette* can be more timely and can address topics that would not be cost-effective in print media. Our plans are to continue the electronic version of the *Gazette* at http://www.linuxgazette.com/. If you have suggestions for the *Gazette* or want to contribute an article for upcoming issues, contact us at gazette@ssc.com.

Content

Each issue of *Linux Journal* offers articles aimed at newcomers, as well as serious technical articles for long-time UNIX users. Although *LJ* is Linux-specific, many of the articles are of interest to users of other UNIX platforms and to users of freely redistributable software and other UNIX flavors.

Also, for the many business UNIX users, there are articles on commercial uses for Linux. These articles include such things as documentation of a place/job where Linux is being used commercially, technical development of commercial applications or reviews of commercial products.

Regular columns include:

- Interviews with prominent Linux personalities
- Linux Means Business

- Kernel Korner
- System Administration
- Best of Technical Support
- Penguin's Progress
- Linux for Suits
- At the Forge
- Focus on Software

as well as upFRONT, New Products, book and product reviews and Letters to the Editor.

Featured articles that have appeared recently in *Linux Journal* include:

My Life and Free Software, by Jon "maddog" Hall (Issue 74)
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2000 Conferences:

Linux Business Expo	Atlanta, GA	September 26-28, 2000
Atlanta Linux Showcase	Atlanta, GA	October 10-14, 2000
Web 2000	TBA	November 1-3, 2000
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