Linux Journal FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)
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Specialized Systems Consultants, Inc. (SSC) is an established leader in the Linux, Open Source and UNIX fields. The most well–known publication of SSC, the award–winning monthly magazine *Linux Journal*, is now celebrating its eighth year of publication. This FAQ contains information about *Linux Journal* (*LJ*), the premier magazine covering the Linux community. Topics covered include a history of *LJ*, general information, editorial content, advertising in *LJ*, subscriptions and distributors/retailers.

General Information and History of *Linux Journal*

Our mission is to serve the Linux community and to promote the use of Linux worldwide. As more and more people see Linux as a viable alternative to traditional OSes, Linux is increasingly being used as a primary operating system. *Linux Journal* focuses specifically on Linux and other open–source OSes, allowing the content to be a highly specialized source of information for open–source enthusiasts.

Linux Journal helps readers find hardware, software and services, and features articles for both newbies and professional users. *LJ*'s content is beneficial to readers by providing in–depth information, to Linux newsgroups by reducing "novice" questions and to advertisers by providing them with a way to reach potential customers. *Linux Journal* readers are primarily industry specialists who frequently make purchasing decisions within their companies.

Phil Hughes and Bob Young, chairman and co–founder of Red Hat, developed the idea for producing *Linux Journal* in 1993. Hughes is the founder and current publisher of the magazine. In early 1994, the first issue was mailed. The magazine has received enthusiastic support and has consistently won LinuxWorld's Best Publication Award. *Linux Journal*'s editorial staff includes well–known names such as Doc Searls, senior editor and co–author of the best–selling *Cluetrain Manifesto*, and Don Marti, editor in chief and vice president of the Silicon Valley Users Group.

Other Publications of Specialized Systems Consultants, Inc. (SSC)

Linux Gazette (http://www.linuxgazette.com/)
On August 1, 1996, *Linux Journal* took over the publication of Linux Gazette, a monthly on–line e–zine, from John Fisk. Linux Gazette fills a niche that LJ cannot; being on–line, the Gazette can be more timely and can address topics that would not be cost–effective in print media. If you would like to contribute an article for an upcoming issue, or are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please send e–mail to gazette@ssc.com.

Books and Reference Materials
In early 2000, SSC formed a partnership with No Starch Press to launch Linux Journal Press. If you would like to submit ideas or book proposals to Linux Journal Press, please contact Bill Pollock with No Starch Press: bill@nostarch.com. SSC also publishes a complete series of reference cards on a variety of subjects. For additional information on publications of SSC please visit the Linux Journal Store on–line, http://store.linuxjournal.com/.

Subscriptions

Linux Journal subscriptions are available everywhere delivery permits. Subscriptions within the US are shipped via second class mail and start with the next issue of *Linux Journal*. Magazines are mailed internationally through a surface air lift service that delivers the magazines quickly to each country where local mail will then be handled by surface delivery.

Subscription rates (in US dollars) are as follows:

	United States	Canada/Mexico	International
1 Year	$25	$32	$62
2 Years	$45	$64	$124

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While supplies last, back issues are available for $6 plus shipping/handling through the Linux Journal Store at http://store.linuxjournal.com/. The Linux Journal 1994–2000 Archive CD–ROM, including every issue of *Linux Journal* published from March 1994 through December 2000 is also available at the Linux Journal Store.

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 re–distributable software and other UNIX flavors.

Also, for the many business UNIX users, there are articles on commercial uses of Linux. These articles include such things as documentation of a place or 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 for Suits
- Kernel Corner
- Best of Technical Support
- Paranoid Penguin
- Games Penguins Play
- Focus on Embedded Systems
- At the Forge
- Focus on Software

Monthly features also include upFRONT, New Products, book and product reviews and Letters to the Editor.

Linux Industry Events

For a complete listing of Linux−related events please visit the Special Events web page at http://www.linuxjournal.com/events.php.

Writing for *Linux Journal*

Articles in *Linux Journal* cover the range from "how do I get started" through kernel hacking, always balanced to give both the newcomer and the long−term Linux users maximum enjoyment. There is an author guide and a list of potential articles on our web site:
http://www.linuxjournal.com/author. If you have an idea for an article or have a lead for *LJ*, please e−mail ljeditor@ssc.com, or send inquiries to:

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Distributors/Retailers

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Miscellaneous

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A: Selected articles are available on our main web site. For subscribers, all issues are available at http://interactive.linuxjournal.com/.

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