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Managing The Ubuntu Software System (Linux Nitty Gritty)



Synopsis

Keir Thomas is the world's most popular author writing about Ubuntu. His books have been read by over 1,000,000 readers and are #1 best-sellers. His book Beginning Ubuntu Linux recently entered its sixth edition, and picked-up a Linux Journal award along the way. Thomas is also the author of Ubuntu Kung Fu. * * * * * Get to grips with the Ubuntu software system in this easy-to-read and understandable guide for newcomers. Within its pages you'll learn: * The nature of Ubuntu software packages and repositories; * How to use Synaptic to add, remove and refresh software; * How to add new software repositories to Ubuntu; * How to install and remove software at Ubuntu's command-line prompt.

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Customer Reviews

I am a newbie when it comes to Ubuntu (or Linux for that matter). I have just installed the latest software and thought, my goodness, how on earth do I find my way around here? Everything is so different to Windows. So after struggling by trial and error, I decided to look for help. And having just bought a Kindle, I was dying to try this device out too. So I searched .com and decided this book

looked just the ticket. This book is first class. It is written in easy-to-understand language that even I can understand. Remembering all the new terms and concepts, I fear, will be another matter but that's my challenge, not the authors. I now feel confident enough to pursue my new interest in Ubuntu and look forward to making real progress. This book is to be highly recommended to newbies as well as seasoned hacks. I'm now looking forward to downloading another title by this fine author.

Thomas provides a great introduction to the world of Ubuntu software, with intelligent examples, simple terms, a glossary, and more, but there's something eager customers should know: This book is little more than a slightly updated version of one of the chapters in Thomas's other book, *Ubuntu Pocket Guide and Reference* (available for free as a pdf)(published in 2008). This is especially evident in his Appendix recommending his other book, *Beginning Ubuntu Linux*, which he claims is in its third edition, but has actually had its fifth edition published. Having a Kindle version of it available at a moment's beckon, with updated information and like is invaluable, though, and so the book is still worth a buy for new Ubuntu users needing a quick reference for the software system.

Unless you're already a Linux expert this is a publication you will keep coming back to. It's short but well worth the price for sure.

Managing the software system in Ubuntu can be daunting to those who are new (like the millions now seeking an alternative to Windows XP and wishing to abandon Microsoft for good), and this little book makes it all very clear. It really is a terrific system once you get a handle on it. Your enormous "software store" is right there for you and it's all free. I suggest searching Books for "Ubuntu" and buying all of the wonderful and inexpensive small books for beginners. Reason? Some will speak to you on some of the things that remain unclear in the others. This was a real help to me and took (nearly) all of the frustration out of the learning curve.

The grammar is distracting due to very frequent errors. The examples are often in fonts so small that they cannot be read. In a technical manual/document, I expect accuracy and clarity. After 50+ years in the computer industry, I find it frustrating to deal with sloppiness.

This book is well-written and clear. It helped me figure out where I was making my mistake in setting up a Ubuntu server on a network with Windows and Linux clients. I won't comment on my feelings

about Linux, but if you are working with it or wanting to understand it a bit more, this is a good, inexpensive way to do that.

Covering both the GUI and command-line information you need to maintain your Ubuntu 12.04, 4-discs DVD Installation and Reference Set, Ed.2012 system with the latest software available. Using non-technical descriptions the author explains in all the detail you need to feel comfortable with installing and updating your Ubuntu computer. The text is well organized, to the point, understandable, and concise. Very well done.

This was a very good book for people who want to learn the packing tools with Ubuntu from apt-get to dpkg with the command line and. How to use synaptic. It has everything you'll need to know and its only about dollar.

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