

Linux for Students

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About me

- Leonid Mamchenkov
- In Cyprus since 1996
- Intercollege
- Linux user since 1998
- Sysadmin
- Web developer
- Project manager
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About You

- Students?
- Familiar with Linux / OSS?
- Linux / OSS job?



Linux for students

- Natural - university culture
- Practical – not who you are, but what you do
- Diverse – plenty of areas and directions
- Fun!



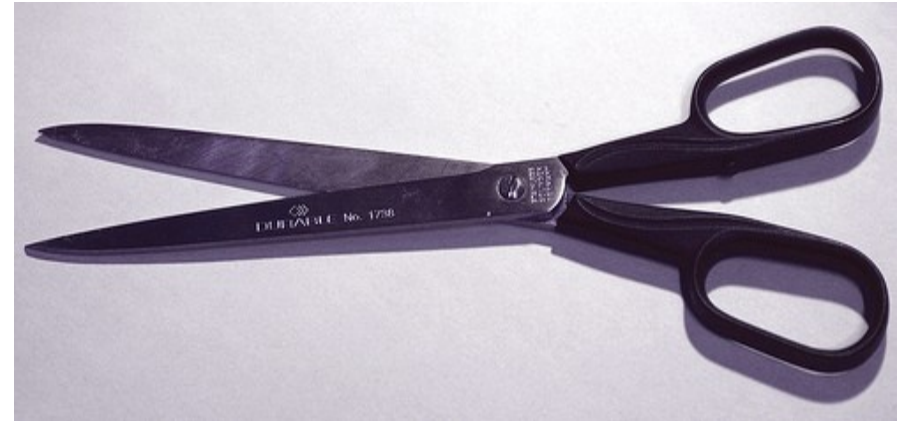
Natural

- UNIX culture
- Universities and research labs
- Open
- Smart is cool
- Process-, not result, oriented



Practical

- “Show me the code”
- Commit access = ultimate trust and reward
- Benchmarks decide, not politics



Diverse

- Technical
 - Programming
 - Administration
- Non-technical
 - Support
 - Documentation
 - Marketing & PR
 - Multimedia



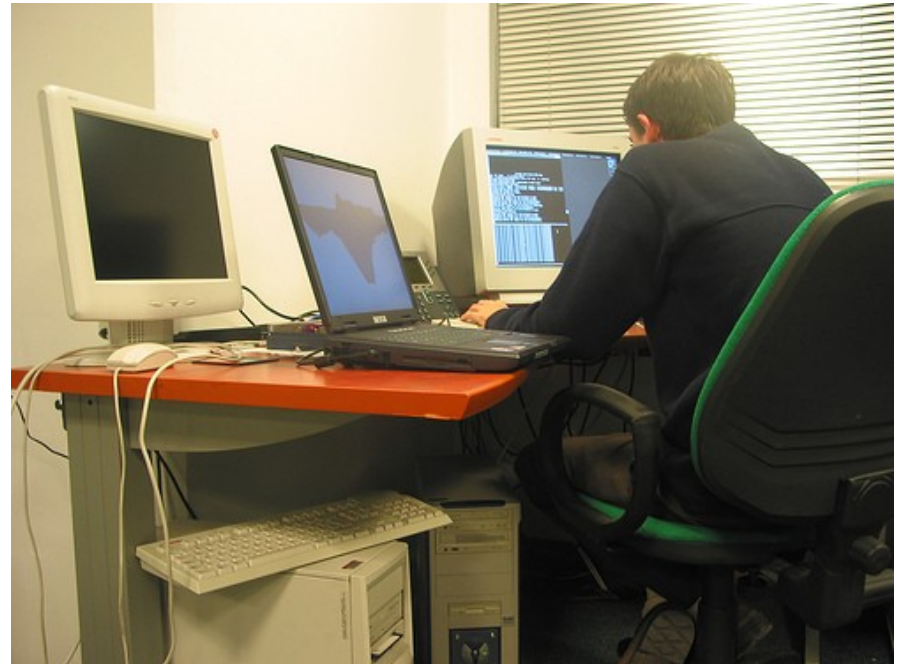
Fun

- Play with things
- Explore
- Peer communication
- Commit euphoria
- Many use your work
- Money



CS Students

- Technical skills
- Communication
- Project management
- Curriculum Vitae
- Job



Technical Skills

- Coding Styles
- Documentation
- Version control
- Testing
- Benchmarks
- Theory vs. practice
- Diversity of tools



Communication

- Mailing lists / Email
 - LKML
- IRC
- Instant messaging
- Wiki
- Blogs
- Conferences



Project Management

- Schedules
- Release management
- Bug tracking
- Support systems
- Migration processes



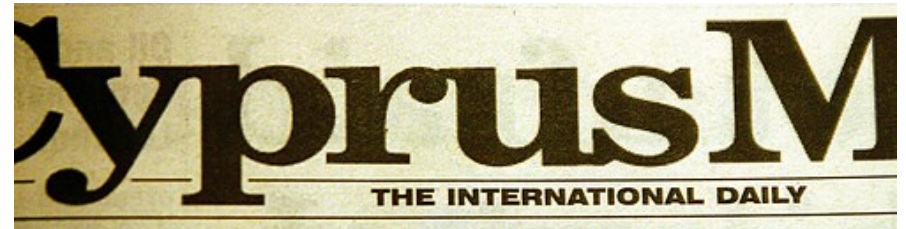
Curriculum Vitae

- Code availability
- Easy to check
- Familiarity with the project
- Better than nothing
- Better than lying ;)



Job

- Reputation
- Contacts
- Freelance
- Your own business



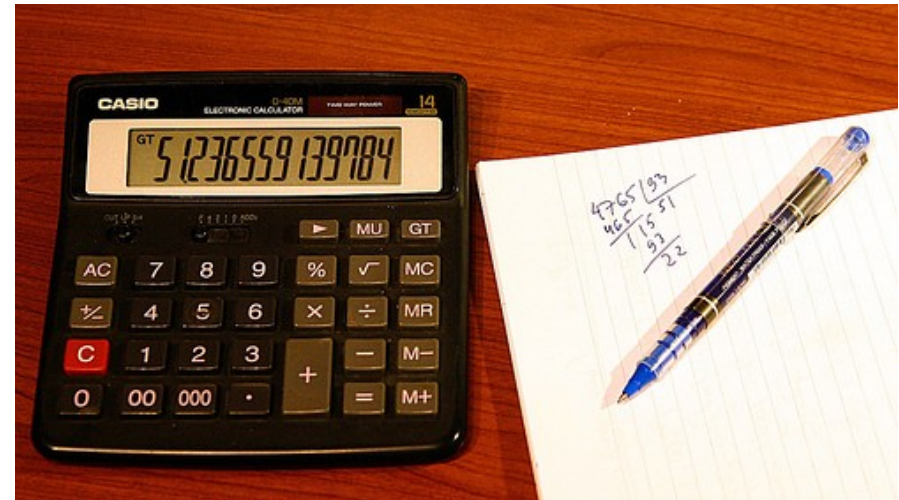
Non-CS Students

- Business skills
- Communication
- Appreciation! We need you
- Curriculum Vitae
- Job



Business Skills

- Marketing
- PR
- Accounting
- Management



Communication

- Mailing lists / Email
- IRC
- Instant messaging
- Wiki
- Blogs
- Conferences
- Business contacts



Appreciation

- User interface testing
- Non-technical documentation
- Translations
- Multimedia
- Promotion
- Reminder



How to start

- Find a project
- Visit web site
- Subscribe to mailing lists
- Read how to contribute
- Ask



Summary

- Natural
- Educational
- Practical
- Job
- Fun



The End

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