WHY NOT TRY LINUX?

LINUX IS MORE SECURE
LINUX IS MORE VERSATILE
LINUX IS FASTER & MORE POWERFUL
LINUX IS EASY TO ADD TO YOUR SYSTEM
LINUX SETS YOU FREE

AND LINUX IS FREE !!!

There are many online resources available to help you get started with Linux, including:

www.linux.org
A good place to find Linux information

www.linuxiso.org
Download Linux distributions free

www.freshmeat.net
Free Linux applications software

www.gnu.org
Home of the GNU project

www.opensource.org
The Open Source Software Foundation

Phoenix Linux User Group
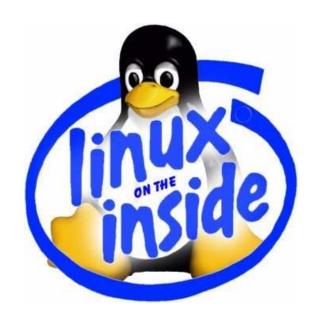### "Penguins In The Desert"

Also affectionately known simply as

"PLUG"

The PLUG website is at this Internet address:

http://PLUG.phoenix.az.us/

☑ PLUG hosts several interesting and informative meetings every month in several different Valley locations. Dates, times, and locations are on the PLUG website.

☑ PLUG also hosts a monthly "InstallFest" that is dedicated to providing **FREE** technical assistance to help people install, configure, and use GNU/Linux.

☑ In addition, there are several other Free Software and GNU/Linux groups in the Valley. Find all the details, meeting times, and places at the PLUG web site.

☑ Come to a PLUG meeting, visit the PLUG web site, or join the Linux discuss mailing list to discover everything you need to know about Linux.

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15 REASONS

WHY EVERY COMPUTER USER SHOULD ADD LINUX TO THEIR SYSTEM:

#1. Linux is a **FREE**, powerful, versatile, very secure, open-source computer operating system that can be easily added to almost any computer. Linux has been developed through the cooperative efforts of thousands of brilliant minds from all over the world whose primary motivation was to create a computer operating system that would be superior in every possible way to all the expensive commercial operating systems on the market ... and make it **FREELY AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE**.

#2. Linux distributions typically **INCLUDE** a wealth of **FREE SOFTWARE**, end-user programs, servers, games, programming tools, and much, much more.

#3. Linux underlying design and structure makes it inherently **MORE SECURE** than the most popular commercial operating system ... which is well known to be notorious for vulnerability to viruses, trojans, worms, and security breaches.

#4. Linux freedom allows users not only to use its operating system and application programs freely, but also to **MODIFY, CUSTOMIZE, AND DISTRIBUTE** both the basic operating system and its many open source application programs. Linux can be easily adapted to each user's own needs by modifying the source code and making improvements that can be shared with everyone.

#5. Linux allows anyone to sell any Linux package as long as the source code is also made available and **NO RESTRICTION IS IMPOSED** to limit free re-distribution of any Linux package.

#6. Linux is "Open Source Software." This is important because it means that all of the computer code is open for everyone to examine, evaluate, and suggest improvements. Most commercial software is "closed source" and "proprietary" which means that only its owners have access to view the code and know what secret functions are hidden within it.

#7. Linux is free and both **UPGRADES AND** an ever expanding array of Linux **APPLICATIONS** are **ALSO FREE !!!**

#8. Linux is **REMARKABLY FLEXIBLE**. It can easily be customized for use in a great variety of special applications. Because of its open source license and flexible design, it has been developed for use in desktop computers, web servers, firewalls, routers, graphics development, clustered computing, embedded systems, search engines, databases, and much more. Linux is capable of performing almost any task with exceptional effectiveness and efficiency.

#9. Linux is **WELL SUPPORTED** by a vast network of Linux users, vendors, and programmers. Because it is open source, updates and fixes are quickly developed and implemented. Unlike the high-priced proprietary alternatives, all Linux code is open for examination so nothing is hidden or kept secret.

#10. Linux is protected by a unique legal provision called the "GPL" (General Public License) which is administered by the Free Software Foundation. This license ensures that Linux will remain **FREE** and able to be **FREELY COPIED** and distributed by everyone. Linux is often packaged with a very extensive collection of utilities, tools, and application programs and sold or freely distributed under many different names such as RedHat, Mandrake, Debian, SuSE, Xandros, Ubuntu, and many more.

#11. Linux **SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE !!!** Linux systems typically run faster, more efficiently, and more securely than other popular desktop PC computer operating systems.

#12. Linux **MULTIPLE DESKTOP** and **MULTIPLE TERMINAL** capabilities allow Linux users to effectively run multiple virtual computers simultaneously on a single computer.

#13. Linux "**DUAL-BOOT**" installations allow Linux to be installed on a separate partition on most computers so a user can continue to use their installed system and also have the option to "boot-up" Linux to get acquainted with and use an installed Linux system.

#14. Linux **LIVE CD**s are **AVAILABLE FREE** from Linux User Groups in most major cities. Live CDs allow computer users to try out Linux on almost any computer without affecting an installed operating system in any way. Live CDs are valuable not only for trying out Linux to see its many advantages, but also as a **RESCUE TOOL** for providing maintenance on a damaged computer.

#15. Linux User Group members in most major cities are always available and eager to help by providing **EXCELLENT FREE TECH SUPPORT** and assistance answering both technical and non-technical questions regarding Linux. Many Linux User Groups even provide **FREE** Linux system installation assistance.