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### Working with Linux - Demystified with Hello Linux!

Ask anyone trying to learn the ins and outs of the Linux operating system and they will tell you that it's a struggle just to learn the basics of how the system works.

We are at a crossroads. Linux powerful, broad, efficient and free of charge is arguably the front-running candidate to conquer the Microsoft-driven world. Linux insiders have been constructing and reconstructing the system for years, yielding thousands of programs, utilities and commands. The problem is that the free and open world of Linux at first appears to be closed for those of us used to the simple point-and-click world of the Microsoft operating systems.

"Although the Linux operating system has existed for several years, it is now virtually exploding in popularity. We feel that if Linux is going to give Microsoft a run for its money, it has to be much more accessible at the introductory level," says Clyde Boom of Lancom Technologies, a veteran publisher of computer books.

During preliminary development of their just-released book *Hello Linux! A Comprehensive Hands-On Course*, Boom and Lancom looked at what was currently available for the new learner. They examined countless commercial books claiming to divulge all of the secrets of Linux, but the results at the intro level were dismal. They also looked at thousands of pages of online documentation, but no option seemed to deliver in full.

"We'd constantly run into out-of-date, contradictory, or just plain confusing learning materials. It was our goal to fill the many holes we encountered and to create a comprehensive description of Linux, with enough hands-on exercises for people to gain practical experience. To explain the OS in plain English rather than "techese", with a little humor thrown in for fun. *Hello Linux!* allows someone new to the OS to learn easily without having to cross-reference and backtrack at every turn."

So, with a proven track record for explaining technical aspects of OSs in a non-technical manner, Lancom developed a detailed and comprehensive resource for beginners to start the process of mastering Linux. They also consulted with their client-base, including university, college and technical school professors teaching Linux. Many stated that a technical professional with Linux knowledge can expect to add 15-20% to their salary.

"The people who will benefit from this book are not only those that are concerned with programming, but also people that are involved with creating technology solutions in a mixed network environment," says Boom.

Renowned for painstaking attention to detail and accuracy, Lancom's material has been used for over sixteen years by professors, instructors and self-paced learners. *Hello Linux!* is designed as a step-by-step introductory companion and reference. It is filled with clear explanations, hands-on exercises, and study review questions.

For a Table of Contents, sample chapters, and more information, visit [www.lancom-tech.com](http://www.lancom-tech.com) or email [info@lancom-tech.com](mailto:info@lancom-tech.com).

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