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THE ONLY UBUNTU BOOK ANYONE NEEDS – REALLY

In crowded field, new Ubuntu title by popular Non-Geeks author stands out

August 2, 2006, San Francisco—Ubuntu is the undisputed leader of the pack of new Linux distributions designed specifically with the novice user in mind. Despite great strides in usability, however, Ubuntu is still Linux and, therefore, geekier than most other operating systems. New users need help getting started. **Ubuntu Linux for Non-Geeks: A Pain-Free, Project-Based, Get-Things-Done Guidebook** (No Starch Press, August 2006, http://www.nostarch.com/ubuntu.htm) is written by a teacher/author who has made his name explaining tech concepts to novices. "As a teacher, Rickford has a natural talent for anticipating when and how a newbie will goof up," said one writer for the Linux website Mad Penguin.

Full of tips, tricks, and helpful pointers, **Ubuntu Linux For Non-Geeks** is a hands-on, project-based, take-it-slow guidebook intended for those interested in – but nervous about – entering the world of Linux. Using immersion-learning techniques favored by language courses, step-by-step projects build upon earlier tutorial concepts, helping readers absorb and apply what they've learned.

This new book doesn't talk down to readers or overwhelm them with geek-speak. Instead, it makes them feel comfortable using Ubuntu, allowing them to hit the ground running and perform tasks like a seasoned pro in no time at all. "Rickford Grant captures an energy and enthusiasm that is clearly instructive," according to Kickstart News.

Ubuntu Linux For Non-Geeks covers all the topics likely to be of interest to an average desktop user. Inside, you'll learn to:
• Download and install free applications, games, and utilities
• Connect to the Internet and wireless networks
• Configure your hardware, including printers, scanners, and removable storage devices
• Watch DVDs, listen to music, and even sync your iPod
• Tackle more advanced tasks, such as converting RPMs to DEB files, compiling software from source, and handling software based on Java, Python and Tcl/Tk

Additional Resources:
Table of contents: http://www.nostarch.com/ubuntu_toc.htm
Sample chapter: http://www.nostarch.com/download/ubuntu_ch7.pdf

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