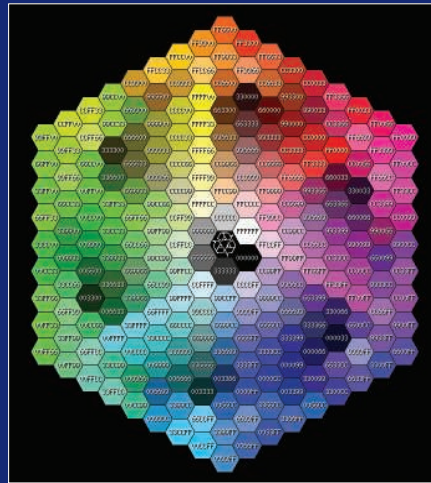# LINUX WORLD NEWS

OPEN SOURCE EMBROIDERY AT EXHIBITION

HTTP gallery at the North London Arena Design Centre featured an exhibition called "Open Source Embroidery: Craft and Code" May 17 through June 15, curated by Ele Carpenter, the founder of the Open Source Embroidery project. In this project, embroiderers, patch-workers, knitters, artists, and computer programmers are joined with the notion that needlework crafts and open source programming have much in common, such as the "gendered obsessive attention to detail; shared social process of development; and a transparency of process and product."

The exhibition centers around the HTML Patchwork, a quilt visualizing the web color palette of 216 hexadecimal RGB color codes, which was collaboratively stitched in workshops held in Sheffield and Newcastle (UK) and Banff (Canada). The textile patches of the quilt are personalized by each contributor.

They feature CMYK colors, translating the screen image into physical fabric.

Part of the project is a patch wiki representing the process of making the quilt. Ele describes the hunt for fabrics and quilt construction in her blog.

The patchwork also will be shown at the "Quilts at the Mill" exhibition in Blackhall Mill, UK, July 12-13, 2008.

Other works shown at the "Craft and Code" include Suzanne Hardy's "Knitted Blog"; Lisa Wallbank's "telinit 0: time to bed," a knitted "pajamas" for her computer; and Paul Grimmer's "Weaving network cable in progress."

http://open-source-embroidery.org.uk/
http://www.elecarpenter.org.uk/
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http://www.furtherfield.org/
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02/quilts-at-mill-july-12th-13th.html

ROMANIAN LIVE DISTRO LAUNCHED

A business-oriented open source software event, eLiberatica 2008, was held in Romania's capital, Bucharest on May 30–31 and was organized by the Romanian Open Source and Free Software Initiative (ROSI) and Agora Media.

Businessmen and free software developers gathered to discuss issues surrounding open and free technologies. Among others, Jani Monoses, a member of the Romanian Free Software Advocacy Group, introduced KiwiLinux, a Live CD derived from Ubuntu for the i386 architecture and tailored for Romanian and Hungarian users. Version 8.04, based on Ubuntu 8.04 LTS, was released April 30.

http://www.eliberatica.ro/2008/
http://www.softwareliber.ro/ (Romanian)
http://kiwilinux.org/kiwi/en/
http://rosi.ro/
http://www.agora.ro/ (Romanian)

NEW OSS GIANT IN SCANDINAVIA

Swedish Redpill AB – self-described as the biggest North European company in the area of open source training, support, migration, and consultancy – is buying Linpro AS, the biggest Norwegian company in this market. People outside Scandinavia know Linpro as the originator of the Munin, a GPL'd monitoring tool.

The new company, Redpill-Linpro, begins in August with 170 employees and plans to expand, starting with Denmark and Finland.

http://www.linpro.no/ (Norwegian)
http://redpill.se/ (Swedish)

WOMEN TECH CARNIVAL IN AMSTERDAM

In its seventh year, the Eclectic Tech Carnival (/ETC), an annual OSS-centric tech gathering for women and gender-minority persons, came home to Amsterdam, the city of its origin. Held May 25-31 by the activists of the Gender-changers and European Youth for Action (EYFA), it attracted 80 participants from 16 countries to share their experiences, knowledge, and skills around free software, open hardware, and system interoperability, seasoned with environmentalism and feminism.

Dedicated workshops taught the participants about the life cycle of hardware (from mining, to labor practices in the manufacturing industry, to waste management), its economic and environmental effects, ways of recycling digital waste, and hands-on training with taking apart a machine. Another workshop introduced the the Female Icon Project, which uses Web 2.0 techniques to explore what makes a woman an icon. OSS workshops featured UpStage, Audacity, Ubuntu, and the Bash.

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org/
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org/
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http://www.geuzen.org/
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