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PCLinuxOS

I am an 80-year-old British *Linux Magazine* subscriber living in France. I have a Medion 17" Laptop and still have XP on my system, but I now do most of my work in PCLinuxOS.

I have tried many Linux systems in the past, with Mandriva being the most successful until recently, when I obtained an iso of PCLOS. The PCLinuxOS Live disc, which was the first Live disc to recognize my "speedtouch" modem and ADSL Wanadoo broadband immediately, put me straight on the web and ultimately found and used everything native to my laptop perfectly – even the built-in screencam and Epson DX3850 Printer/scanner.

I don't ever use XP for the Internet now, only PCLOS. VirtualBox performs perfectly in PCLOS, and also I have installed my XP OS, which is running as a virtual system with the few Windows programs for which I have found no Linux alternatives. It will not be long before I delete the XP portion on the laptop altogether.

Please consider supplying a PCLinuxOS disc and a write up on PCLinuxOS.
Graham Neal

LM Thanks very much for your suggestions. We have looked into the possibility of providing a PCLinuxOS disc, and we hope to do so in the future.

The last time we checked with the PCLinuxOS project, they did not have a full DVD version. Although it is possible to put a CD-sized image on a DVD, we commit to our readers to provide full DVD versions of all our DVDs. As soon as a DVD version of PCLinuxOS is available, you can expect to see us feature it as a monthly *Linux Magazine* DVD.

In the meantime, we'll start working on a good review of PCLinuxOS.

Archives

I am an avid *Linux Magazine* reader. My preferred data-collection method is "front-to-back in one relaxing session." Unfortunately, like most technical hoarders, I just seem to collect a very large immovable mass of such technical information over the years – mainly because I was released with little core memory, and so I am forced to keep past issues readily at hand.

My wonderful partner of 30 + years has always allowed me the privilege of storing/displaying my magazines in my in-house workshop. Sadly, occasionally there comes the time when physical space is at a premium (usually to make room for breathing air or something of that magnitude), and I have to choose between what I keep and what is recycled.

This brings up an interesting commitment.

Given that technology changes so frequently and that historical data is only really valued when it is lost, could *Linux Magazine* publicity commit to continuing your activity of ensuring that all available issues – including code and forum/feedback works-of-art – are forever provided online.

Of equal importance is to ensure that archival data is securely maintained.

Much thanks for a great job keeping us all informed and up to date. Cheers.
Grahame Kelly

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We make the archive available to readers at no charge, and we don't ask anyone to join a club or register with our database. Like any web masters, we will continue to adapt and develop our website over time, but we certainly plan to continue to post articles in our archive for the foreseeable future.

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