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## The Bangalore Linux Users Group

The Bangalore Linux Users Group (BLUG) is a group of Linux and OpenSource Software (OSS) users in Bangalore.

The BLUG is a registered non-profit, organization of volunteers that promotes the use of Linux and other OpenSource technologies. The primary interaction between the thousands of BLUG members happens through the various highly-focussed mailing lists. These mailing lists cater to the varied interests in Linux and OSS such as programming, technical, non-technical, Ipv6, localisation, etc. The members of the BLUG meet once a month to discuss various issues regarding Linux and OSS. Talks about the current and latest technologies are given by members during these meets.

The BLUG participates in different IT-related events that take place in Bangalore, often coordinating with other LUGs in India. It has previously organized the Linux-India community's presence at IT.Com '99, IT.Com 2000, Wrox Press' Bang!linux 2000 and 2001. At IT.Com '99, various Indian Linux user groups, with the BLUG as the facilitator, were educating businesses and professionals about Linux under the motto "Seeing is Believing". The effort was so successful that the media called it "The Crown Jewel of IT.COM". (Details at <http://linux-bangalore.org/events/itcom99/>)

In 2000, the BLUG again facilitated the Linux community participation in IT.COM 2000, again with resounding success. (Details at <http://itcom.linux-india.org/>)

In 2001, the BLUG arranged for the community's participation in the Bang!linux Event. (Details at <http://linux-bangalore.org/events/banglinux/>)

To enable the Linux community to focus more on technology, the BLUG started an annual Linux event in India - "Linux Bangalore" - the first of which was held in December 2001 (see <http://linux-bangalore.org/2001/> for more details).

This year, the BLUG is arranging Linux Bangalore/2002 in December 2002, and requests your participation and support to help organise LB/2002 and promote the use of Linux and OpenSource Software in India. (Details at <http://linux-bangalore.org/2002/>)

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## Linux Bangalore/2002

Linux Bangalore/2002 (LB/2002), like Linux Bangalore/2001 (LB/2001), is an annual conference that covers interest areas in Linux technology and development. It is a three day event (December 3-5) featuring talks and demos by a number of national and international speakers. Speakers are a mix of Linux technologists, developers, systems experts and evangelists. Over 70 sessions with five parallel tracks are planned.

The Technology Showcase is a new addition to LB/2002. The showcase will consist of an exposition of Linux technologies and products from the local industry. Various product lines and services that use/run on Linux and OSS will be displayed.

LB/2002 will also feature an exclusive track with talks targeted at the corporates.

## Linux Bangalore/2001

Linux Bangalore/2001 (LB/2001) was a three day conference on understanding and using Linux technologies. This conference covered a large number of areas that included core Linux technologies, Open Source, Embedded Systems and other allied technologies. LB/2001 drew participation from many user groups in India and abroad in the form of delegates, volunteers and speakers.

The primary audience for this event were the community of developers, system administrators, users and managers/decision makers. More than 3000 delegates and over 60 speakers attended the conference. A large section of the delegates consisted of developers and professionals. The student community and the representatives from different Government organizations also attended the conference.

## Sponsorship Information

There are many ways you can help and support us. The standard means is by contributing a fixed amount of money that will be used to support the logistics, and infrastructure for the conference in addition to supporting some national & international speakers. Other ways of supporting us are by contributing computing and network equipment required to provide access to the venue, providing Internet access at the venue and so on. The standard sponsorship rates are given below. Send email to the organisers at [lb2-info@linux-bangalore.org](mailto:lb2-info@linux-bangalore.org) if you would be interested in any of these.

The standard sponsorship rates can be found at the end of this document.

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## Linux Bangalore/2002 Speaker Profiles

We propose to invite a number of well known national and international speakers to talk at LB/2002. The profiles of some of these are given below, in alphabetic order:

### Alan Cox

Alan Cox is Linux hacker number two. Next to Linux founder Linus Torvalds, he has most of the responsibility for kernel development. He's famous for turning around dozens of kernel patches and questions every single day. Alan Cox works at Red Hat. His consulting firm, Building Number Three, is also contracted by Red Hat.

### Atul Chitnis

Atul Chitnis is the Chief Technology Officer of Exocore Consulting. He specialises in Corporate computing strategies and the identification of appropriate technologies. His articles on "humanized" technology, data communication and the Internet, and Linux have appeared in various publications, including some of India's leading technology journals such as PC Quest and DataQuest. Since 1996, Atul has arguably been one of the most visible propagators of the use of Linux and OSS in India, and is also the person leading PCQuest's highly successful Linux Initiative that has been responsible for the distribution of more than a million Linux CDs, with supporting articles, since 1996.

### Bruce Perens

Bruce Perens is known to computing specialists as the primary author of the open source definition, the former project leader for Debian, a senior programmer with Pixar, the creator of Electric Fence, and a prolific advocate of GNU/Linux and related open source matters. He worked at Hewlett-Packard as a "strategic advisor."

### Gopi Krishna Garge

Gopi is a Senior Consultant at Exocore Consulting (P) Limited and a Network Services Consultant to the ERNET, IISc. His core areas of expertise include Enterprise Internetworking, Messaging Systems, Linux based enterprise solutions and Systems Integration and Performance Tuning. He is a Technical reviewer for the IETE and has reviewed papers for the ACM Transactions. He writes technical articles for PC-Quest and consults for some leading financial institutions in India. Gopi is the Vice President of the Bangalore Linux Users' Group (BLUG) and the IPv6 Forum India.

### Hanish Menon

Hanish works at Federal Technologies and is an avid computer user and programmer. He is very interested in OSs, Emulators, Games and Systems. He is a highly regarded member of the Linux community in India. He works on embedded Linux technologies and is also involved in device drivers design. He commands the respect of the developer community based on his acknowledged expertise in the use of Linux and OpenSource development tools and techniques.

### Hans Reiser

Hans Reiser is the leader of the ReiserFS project, a journaling filesystem for Linux, and the founder of The Naming System Venture, or Namesys, the company funded by several sponsors to do the development work for the project. Though an American citizen, he had chosen Russia to be his base. Mr. Reiser is an interesting figure in the Linux development community; he has a strong business sense and his writings in the Linux kernel mailing list is often emotion-toned and debate-raising.

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## Linux Bangalore/2002 Speaker Profiles...

Jon Corbet

Jonathan Corbet is the CTO of Eklektix, Inc., and the executive editor of the online magazine, Linux Weekly News (<http://www.lwn.net>). He is also the co-author of the 2nd Edition of Linux Device Drivers (O'Reilly and Associates publications). He is an acknowledged expert in development tools and techniques, as well as a voice of authority in many things related to Linux and the OpenSource world.

Jon "Maddog" Hall

"Maddog" serves as executive director of Linux International. A longtime proponent of intelligent computing, he first became interested in Linux while he was an employee of Digital Equipment, and can often be seen at Linux and OpenSource events worldwide, where his avuncular nature and willingness to have fun and talk Linux and Unix make him one of the most popular guys around.

Kishore Bhargava

Kishore Bhargava is a technology consultant in New Delhi, and has been a pioneer on the datacomm front for many years. He started the first public BBS (ECTCnet) in North India in 1989, which probably holds the distinction of being the first place where most of North India cut its datacomm teeth on. Kishore handles dozens of international clients, mostly in the field of communications and networking, and is a well known propagator of Linux and OSS in corporate circles.

Naba Kumar

Naba Kumar is the founder and lead Developer of Anjuta, a versatile Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for C and C++ on Linux. He is also a member of the GNOME Foundation. He has been working for open source for the last 5 years and is still continuing to make his contribution.

Prasanto Kumar Roy

Prasanto Kumar Roy is chief editor of the Dataquest group of publications at Cyber Media (India). This group includes the leading fortnightly Dataquest and monthly Voice and Data, the DQ Week Madras and DQ Week Delhi regional weekly newspapers, and the fortnightly DQ Channels India. He started the PCQ Online electronic bulletin board, Computers@Home, PCQ Labs, and the PC Quest CD-ROMs, the latter two being firsts in Asia. From 1996-99 he was editor of the PC magazines group, including PC Quest, Computers@Home, and PCQ Labs. Roy is actively interested in mobile computing and telephony and the Internet, but is probably best known for his role as Editor of PCQuest in 1996, when he took the decision to support alternate technologies such as Linux and OSS through the PCQuest Linux Initiative.

Raj Mathur

Raj is currently one of the best-known Linux gurus in India. He is also the founder and coordinator of the India Linux Users' Group, Delhi Chapter. Raj has been using Linux since the kernel 0.99.12 days, about 6-7 years ago. Raj has contributed to the Linux community with his program gmemusage for Linux and in maintaining and enhancing Larry McVoy's hinv. Raj is also the author of VishwaKarma, a popular GPL web-hosting control panel. Raj was invited to make a presentation at the International Linux Kongress in Berlin in 1996, where he shared the platform with Linus Torvalds, Alan Cox, Olaf Kirsch, Ralf Baechle and many other leading Linux developers.

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## Linux Bangalore/2002 Speaker Profiles...

S Sadagopan

Professor Sadagopan is the founder Director of the Indian Institute of Information Technology, Bangalore. He had been teaching at two premier educational Institutes in India, namely, the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, (IITK) and the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, (IIMB). He has developed and taught courses on MIS, Database, Decision Support, Operations Research, ERP, Enterprise Systems, Networking and E Commerce.

Samyeer Metrani

Samyeer Metrani is the Group Manager for Embedded Systems at Encore Software Limited. Over the past thirteen years Samyeer has worked on various platforms and operating systems. His experience includes Systems Software, Embedded Systems, and Business Applications.

Samyeer heads the Embedded Systems Group at Encore Software. The products he has built include Voice over IP Protocol Stacks like H.323, SIP, MGCP and MEGACO, and the Simputer, a Low Cost Handheld Device.

Sirtaj Singh Kang

Sirtaj has been involved with KDE (The K Desktop Environment) development since the very early days of the project and has had ample time to watch the project grow and mature over the years. Until recently he was representative for KDE in Australia. Sirtaj is a professional programmer and has a keen interest in the management and operation of free software projects.

Tarique Sani

Academically, a qualified pediatrician and a forensic expert, Dr Tarique Sani is the CTO of SANIsoft a PHP Solutions Company, based in Nagpur. He has also co-authored "Professional PHP4" published by WROX PRESS U.K. He is associated with several Open Source PHP related projects and has been programming with PHP for over 4 years.

Vinod Unny

Vinod Unny runs Enterprise InfoTech, a technology solutions company in New Delhi, India. He has been working with computers and related technologies since 1984. Vinod is a regular and known writer in many publications. He is also writing a book on an advanced topic for Linux. The book entitled "Building High Performance Linux Systems" is being written for the Bruce Perens Open Source Series for Prentice Hall USA.

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