

Linux New Media Awards 2003

And the Winner is...

The Linux world never seems to stand still. Linux New Media asked friends, partners, authors and other experts to vote on this year's trendsetters.



Last year was another trail-blazing year for Linux: new software and fascinating projects, like the decision taken by the City of Munich to introduce Linux for civil administration applications, were the kinds of things that grabbed the Open Source Community's attention.

Linux New Media's editorial staff and many members of the Community observed and evaluated these trends, casting their votes for the Linux New Media Awards 2003, and picking the best of class in various categories.

These votes allowed us to compile a shortlist of candidates that contains both some familiar faces, and a few interesting new entries. The jury is made up of personalities from the world of Linux, freelance authors who work for Linux New Media, and some members of our editorial staff.

Winners

As regards distributions, Debian again comes out on top of our reader's charts. More than a third of all votes cast in the "Distribution" category went to the free system. The city of Munich attracted a fair amount of attention, taking second place with some 20 percent of the votes

in the "Institutions, Organizations and Enterprises" category, this year's Special Awards section. The Free Software Foundation (FSF) took first place.

Apple took the top notch in the "Hardware" category, and XFree86 was awarded top marks by our jury in the "Software with the Best Hardware Support" category. K-Develop (IDE) won the "Software" category with Mplayer taking the "Multimedia" prize, and Python the Award for the "Most Interesting Programming Language".

Jimian's Evolution was one of the top achievers: the integrated email and calendaring software took top notch in the "Most Beginner friendly Desktop Application" and "Collaboration Software" categories. And the fact that Subversion was given the "Newcomer of the Year" Award would seem to indicate that time is running out that old, and idiosyncratic, war-horse, CVS.

Interestingly enough, no single candidate really outshone the others, quite in contrast to last year's Awards, where OpenOffice really over-achieved – in fact, the top three spots in every category were photo finishes. Having said that, the top three were typically miles ahead of the rest of the field.

Victory for the Community

All in all, the Awards can be seen as a vote for the Community. This is not only evidenced by the large number of free projects nominated, but also by their prominence at the top of the Awards shortlist.

The Winners

HARDWARE

Best Notebook

1st	Apple	27.6 %
2nd	IBM	23.1 %
3rd	Acer	10.5 %
	Dell	10.5 %

Best Free Project for Hardware Support

1st	Xfree86	25.8 %
2nd	Cups	17.5 %
3rd	Acpi Kernel 2.6	14.7 %

SOFTWARE

Distributions

1st	Debian	37.4 %
2nd	Knoppix	25.6 %
3rd	SuSE	14.6 %

IDE Development System

1st	K-Develop	29.4 %
2nd	Eclipse	23.2 %
3rd	Anjuta	22.3 %

Multimedia

1st	Mplayer	25.8 %
2nd	Xine	24.2 %
3rd	DeCSS	12.5 %
	VDR	12.5 %

Most Beginner-friendly Desktop Application

1st	Evolution	18.6 %
2nd	Mozilla	16.5 %
3rd	OpenOffice	14.5 %

Most Interesting Programming Language

1st	Python	27.9 %
2nd	Perl 6	13.5 %
3rd	PHP	12.7 %

Collaboration Software

1st	Evolution	28.3 %
2nd	OpenGroupware	20.4 %
3rd	WikiPedia	19.9 %

SPECIAL AWARDS

Newcomer of the Year

1st	Subversion	18.0 %
2nd	Firebird	13.7 %
3rd	GPE	12.9 %

Institution/Organization/Company

1st	FSF	24.7 %
2nd	City of Munich	20.8 %
3rd	EuroLinux/FFII	20.0 %

The 2003 Jury

Fred Andresen is on the editorial staff of EasyLinux and a regular contributor to Linux Magazine.

Marian Anghel is the editor of Linux-Magazin Romania.



Bernhard Bablok is a Java expert and has regularly contributed to Linux Magazine for many years; he works as a developer for the Allianz insurance company.

Elisabeth Bauer is currently completing her internship with EasyLinux.

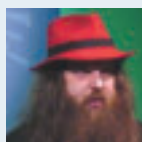
Fionn Behrens regularly plays all the latest computer games and writes articles on the Linux fun factor for LinuxUser.

Rüdiger Berlich is regular contributor to Linux Magazine.

Frank Bernard is a security specialist and was one of the first people to work with dedicated firewall systems on Linux.



Simon Budig is a Gimp developer of long standing and supports the propagation of free software.



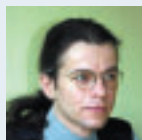
Alan Cox is a Scotsman, a kernel hacker and got into Linux development work right at the outset. At present, he is working on his MBA.

Mirko Dölle opens boxes up and then writes about them for Linux Magazine and LinuxUser.

Lars Eilebrecht is an Open Source evangelist and a co-founder of the Software Foundation. He has written several books on the web server and is currently employed as a Senior IT Consultant.

Michael Engel is an expert for Power PCs – especially if they run on Linux.

Hans-Georg Eßer is the Chief Editor of EasyLinux and LinuxUser.



Nils Färber occasionally writes for Linux Magazine and works on Non-X86 Linux platforms.

Thorsten Fischer uses Gnome tools regularly and reports his findings back to LinuxUser.

Björn Ganslandt is a Gnome specialist and contributes articles on new software for the Gnome desktop to LinuxUser.

Johnny Graber is currently studying computer science at the FH Biel and is a moderator of the www.linux-community.de website in his spare time.

Andreas Grytz researches the News column in Linux Magazine for each monthly issue, writes for LinuxUser and www.linux-community.de.



Jon "Maddog" Hall is an ardent supporter of Linux all over the world and the President of Linux International.



Jutta Horstmann is a system administrator. Among other things, she manages the databases at the Wissenschaftszentrum (Science Center) in Berlin, Germany.

Andreas Huchler has been writing for LinuxUser for many years. He is currently completing his PhD at the Rijksuniversiteit in Groningen, the Netherlands.

Patricia Jung is a member of the Linux New Media editorial staff. She runs Linux Magazine's Competence Center Software and the mailing list for female Linux users in her leisure time lynn@lists.answergirl.de.

Heike Jurzik writes for Linux Magazine, mainly about the wonderful and wacky world of the command line.

Jan Kleinert is the Chief Editor of Linux-Magazin, the German-language version of Linux Magazine.

Michael Kleinhenz is one of the organizers of the Linux Tag, a major Linux event.

Klaus Knopper developed the Knoppix Linux Live CD that has given many new users a first impression of Linux.



Harald König mainly works on the ongoing development of XFree86, the free X Server implementation.

Achim Leitner is a member of the Linux New Media editorial staff, and runs Linux Magazine's Competence Center Network and Security.

Volker Lendecke is an active Samba Project developer and has written books on the free file and printserver.

Yuwei Lin does research work on hackers and hacking culture at the University of York.

Martin Loschwitz is involved in the Debian Project and the author of Linux Magazine's Projects on the move column.

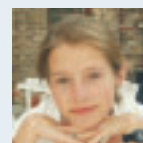
Nils Magnus works as a Senior Security Consultant and is a specialist for incident response.

Michael Meeks is an active contributor to the Gnome and Ximian projects.



Martin Michlmayer is the new Debian Project Leader and as such, an advocate of free software. In the little leisure time he has, he contributes to several software projects.

Arturo Fernandez Montoro is a Web developer and a freelance author for various Linux magazines.



Andrea Müller puts a lot of TLC into creating RPM packets for EasyLinux and writes articles on useful tools and programs.

Frederick Noronha is an Indian journalist who monitors the budding Linux scene in his home country.

Frauke Oster is a KDE developer and an active contributor to the Kivio and KDE Woman projects.

Stefan Probst co-founded the LST distribution and now works for SuSE.

Carsten Schnober is currently an intern at LinuxUser.



Tom Schwaller ensures that the future of the free operating system looks bright, as a Linux guru and Linux IT Architect for IBM.

Tim Schürmann is an Expert on office programs and a regular contributor to LinuxUser with articles on recently released office products for Linux.



John Southern is the Chief Editor of Linux Magazine International and the founder of the London Linux User Group.

Max J. Werner is one of the moderators at www.linux-community.de. He is currently working as an intern for Linux New Media.

Ulrich Wolf is the Deputy Chief Editor of Linux-Magazin.



Oliver Zendel is the Chairperson of LinuxTag e.V. and organizes what is one of Europe's biggest Linux events.