

The Free and Open Source Users Community

Users groups are a valuable source of information, training, support and most of all, fun.

Australia-wide

Linux Australia was founded to cater specifically to the needs of the Australian Linux community. Australia has unique problems that confront those attempting to organise and co-ordinate users groups and other support mechanisms because of its high level of urbanisation combined with large geographic distances between populated areas. Linux Australia hopes to assist in bringing the disparate pockets of Linux support into a single forum by encouraging and facilitating communication between these groups.



Through the promotion of awareness of free and open source software, Linux Australia helps to ensure that the community can flourish to its full potential.

In Australia, there are over 40 Linux Users Groups (LUGs) around the country, as well as many Unix, Python, Perl, Debian and other special interest groups.

Check out our listings of users groups to find one near you and get involved today!

<http://www.linux.org.au/usergroups/>

Local

The **Sydney Linux Users Group (SLUG)** is a place to learn about and discuss Linux. The meetings take place in real venues as well as in virtual space, via our Web pages, mailing list and IRC channel. The SLUG membership is made up of professionals, semi-professionals, hobbyists, and those who like to play and gain knowledge of Linux and the vast amount of free software.



SLUG is about sharing experiences, knowledge and fun. SLUG caters for all levels, from those who are new to Linux, wanting to know how to install or set up Linux, to experienced kernel hackers and systems administrators.

Face-to-face SLUG meetings are held on the last Friday of each month. More information and news on events can be found on our Web site at <http://slug.org.au/>

Around the world

Linux, free software and open source are global phenomena, with users groups all around the world. If you are going overseas, or if you are just curious, check out this listing of Linux users groups to see the strength of the worldwide community!

<http://www.linux.org/groups/>

Want to know more?

If you are new to Linux, free software and open source, or are interested in using it in your home/school/business/organisation, visit our guide at

<http://www.linux.org.au/linux>