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Disk Partitioning, Ubuntu LTS, Net Neutrality

May Meeting: Disk Partitioning, Ubuntu LTS, Net Neutrality

Date: May 6, 2010 at 7 p.m.
Location: Algonquin College (Woodroffe Campus), room T117

Disk Partitioning

Speaker: Lisa Lovchik

Disk partitioning allows having a hard limit on the size of a given filesystem and allows having multiple operating systems reside on the same disk. The speaker will describe disk partitioning and demonstrate the use of some disk partitioning tools.

Ubuntu 10.04 - what's new?

Speaker: John Sebastien Taylor

A new LTS (Long Term Support) version of Ubuntu will soon be released. The speaker will describe some of the features planned for Ubuntu version 10.04.

10 - 20 minutes

Understanding Net Neutrality, and "Throttling"

Speaker: Michael Richardson

Phone and cable companies have started practicing illegal search (and seizure) of data flowing across their network (“throttling”), claiming it is to protect their networks. In reality, the problems on their networks are due to mis-design, and fundamental misunderstanding on their part about how the Internet works. We used to use highway metaphors to explain the Internet. This talk will re-adjust the metaphor to explain what was actually built, and why the results are so hostile to citizens and grassroots democracy.

Approx 1 hour.

About the Speaker

Michael Richardson is a self-taught programmer and consultant, and has been involved with network security systems since 1988. After working in nearly every aspect of Ottawa hightech, Michael was a founding employee at Milkyway Networks in 1994, and Solidum Systems Corporation in 1998. While at Milkyway Networks, Michael was responsible for developing the VPN components of the BlackHole firewall, the policy engine, and all kernel components. Solidum designed and sold hardware - IPsec being an important target. Michael is a system software designer and protocol designer. Michael is involved on a daily basis with at the IETF. He is an author on RFC3586, RFC4025 and RFC4322.

Michael has architected a number of IPsec systems, including closed source systems at SSH, work on KAME code in BSD, and work on the Linux FreeS/WAN project. In 2003, Michael founded Xelerance Corporation to support Linux open source security products, including Openswan. In 2009, Michael joined CREDIL.org as a Founding Maker.

Michael received a B.Sc. Physics from Carleton University.

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