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Python 2 and Python 3

April Meeting: Python 2 and Python 3

Date: April 5, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Location: [Algonquin College \(Woodroffe Campus\), room A119](#)

Gnews

Speaker: [various](#)

The meeting will begin with our semi-regular Gnews session that briefly highlights “New to Linux” beginner topics and other Linux tips.

Seeking OCLUG Board Candidates

Elections for the OCLUG Board of Directors are being delayed until after the Ottawa IPv6 Summit. Several of the existing board members are moving on so we are seeking new board members.

Ottawa IPv6 Summit

Although not a beginner topic, Bart Trojanowski will give an introduction to the Ottawa IPv6 Summit planned for April 29, 2011.



Python 2 and Python 3

Speaker: [Ian Ward](#)

This is an introduction to the [Python](#) programming language and its two current major versions.

Why might you want to use Python? How does it compare to other languages? Why are there two incompatible versions?

Language basics, the Python language development process and alternative Python interpreter

implementations will be covered. Differences between Python 2 and Python 3 will be discussed as they relate to each topic.

This talk is targetted at people familiar with any other programming language. The presenter understands that OCLUG may not be the friendliest environment to talk about Python but politely asks that rotten vegetables and other throwables be left at home.

About the Speaker

Ian Ward's [blog](#) and a number of open source projects are hosted at <http://excess.org/>. He has studied Computer Science at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. He was first introduced to Linux in 1999 while working at Corel.

Ian is available for software work on a contract basis. See <http://www.genericconsulting.ca> for more information.

Ian has been an advocate for [copyright fairness in Canada](#).

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