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OpenOffice and R, GPG update

February Meeting: OpenOffice and R, GPG update

Date: February 5, 2014 at 7 p.m.
Location: Shopify Headquarters

Note the day change

This meeting is on Wednesday, February 5, 2014

This month we have a short topic talk by Ian Gorman on slide generation and a main talk by Richard Guy Briggs on GPG.

As a reminder to the community, the AGM will be at the beginning of the April meeting. We have had a loss of two board members, so we would like at least two people to volunteer to be on the board. In addition, according to our bylaws, we need at least twenty people to be at the meeting in order to meet the requirements for the AGM and election of officers. If anyone is interested serving on the board, please contact the secretary, RGB. We do not run for a position, those are assigned at the first board meeting after the election. If we have too many people, there will be an election with ballots. Anyone can be nominated, including self-nomination.

After the presentations, there will be a GPG key signing for anyone who is interested.

As per our newer format, we will have a one hour pre-meeting item from 6:00 to 7:00 for people who are new to Linux, have general questions, or wish to help out with people who are just getting started.

Apache Open Office and R for Slide Generation

Speaker: Ian Gorman

Ian Gorman will give a brief demonstration to show how he used OpenOffice and R to prepare slides for a technical presentation to the Ottawa Vintage Radio Club

About the Speaker

Ian has a lot of experience at applying experience outside of its original box.

He has solved problems in Economics, Math, Computer Science, logic based controllers, bicycles, and human relations, generally mixing in information from at least one other discipline or computer language to make it work, or work better. His experience with computers includes Linux, Mac, and several server OSes from IBM, Sun, and others. He has worked with drivers, parsers, API design, business rules, Java garbage collectors, and some less exotic code that just needed to work.

GPG Update

Speaker: Richard Guy Briggs

Richard Guy Briggs (RGB) will be giving an updated talk on GPG

GPG Keysigning BoF

Speaker: Scott Murphy

After the formal presentation, we will have a GPG key signing for anyone who wishes to have their GPG key signed. This will be very informal, more of an activity rather than a talk. In order to participate, you will need a few things:

- A previously generated key you plan on using
- Picture ID to prove you are who you say you are for those of us who may not know you
- Your key information (fingerprint, email address and uid)

Ideally, you should bring small pieces of paper with your name, email and pgp key fingerprint on them to hand out to people. You can include a small “verified” checkbox that someone can mark if they choose to check identification.

Method:

- Generate your fingerprint and paste it into a file
- Copy and paste until you have filled a sheet of paper
- Cut into strips to hand out.

We can also discuss doing a CACert event if there is sufficient interest.

About the Speaker

Scott has been haunting server rooms and using/administrating Unix and Unix like systems for more than 30 years now. His background includes IT infrastructure, system administration, deployments and migrations, security and management. He is currently working as a consultant for the federal government.

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