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Inkscape

April Tutorial: Inkscape

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A gentle introduction to Inkscape for geeks

Speaker: Michael Richardson

Inkscape is a vector based editor (like xfig, dia or OOdraw) that uses Structured Vector Graphics (SVG) files as its native format. SVG is a W3C specification, and SVG files can be directly rendered by many modern web browsers.

Inkscape is now in stock debian, Fedora, and Ubuntu.

SVG finally provides a format for exchange of structure diagrams between different programs — prior to this, one was limited either to Adobe Illustrator files (.ai), which over time mutated to be a superset of PDF, or JPEG raster versions.

Inkscape claims to be inspired by Illustrator and Photoshop user interface, but such a claim only helps people who have previous experience with windows or mac based vector drawing programs. If you are like me, and went from a SunOS desktop to a Linux desktop, you probably have used xfig or FrameMaker's drawing program, and the interface provided by Inkscape is very foreign.

During this talk, we will construct a sample technical diagram using Inkscape.

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.

Finding the Meeting Location

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