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2016 Meeting Presentation Notes

January

Scott Murphy: Ansible Introduction - A very basic introduction oclug-20160114.pdf

February

Scott Murphy: IPython Notebooks, etc. oclug-20160204.pdf oclug-20160204_notebook.tgz

March

John Nash: ***Scanning and Saving a Collection of Documents: The Joys and Woes of Details*** nash-scan-oclug160303.pdf nash-scan-oclug160303.pdf

Scott Murphy: (slides will be posted in late April)

John Nash: Comments on unexpected behaviour of **pandoc** – this is still unresolved. nash-pandoc-160303.pdf

April

No formal presentation, Alex had a free form talk with a couple of simple diagrams on the whiteboard.

May

Scott Murphy: Presentation Frustrations - sample printout:scott-oclug-20160505.pdf - gzipped html version:scott-oclug-20160505.html.gz

June

July

Ian Gorman: RaspberryPi Blackbox :raspberrypiblackbox.pdf

Scott Murphy: Dashing Briefly :scott-oclug-20160707.html.gz

August

John Nash: Cleanup of file collections – review and rethink Nash-file_cleanup_160804

rmaiib.pl zipped

September

October

November

Scott Murphy – a Raspberry Pi cluster

John Nash – Proposal for an OCLUG liveUSB

A live-USB toolkit?

Post-meeting notes:

- During the meeting, Alex Pilon suggested that a liveUSB could be booted in VirtualBox, but we had trouble doing this. I (JN) tried again the next day, with no success, despite giving myself ownership of the /dev/sdc device where the liveUSB was attached. However, qemu was able to boot a (32bit) CrunchBang Waldorf liveUSB, but not my (64bit) 2016 DanceBox. Dmitriy Korovkin emailed me that he had managed to boot CorePlus-7.2.iso after putting it on a USB, but not Ubuntu 16.04. So booting a liveUSB in a virtual environment may be a “sometimes” possibility. It would be nice to figure out the reasons and conditions.
- I also looked into converting the liveUSB (back) to an iso. This should be fairly straightforward, but initial attempts following several recommendations on the Web were unsuccessful, and other messages on the Web seemed to report at best limited success.
- I have re-edited a quite long article on my efforts to (re-)build the DanceBox iso and liveUSB. These are in the file

  DanceMasterUSB

  . There are notes on a quite large list of distros and their suitability or not. The document was prepared mainly for my own later reference.
- In a few days I will send out a note on the OCLUG Linux list asking who might be interested in pursuing the liveUSB (based on Arch) to prepare one or more “toolkit” liveUSBs. Participation can be in person (I've a reasonable space with largish screen, tables, and some test laptops) or by email / wiki.
- Whether this project or some other inspires some shared activity, I believe we should be looking to

undertake some efforts to amplify the knowledge within the Group. Most of us have some particular knowledge and expertise – mine tends to be spotty in the present area but in numerical computing – but most of us are capable of testing and documenting things, and much of the best of open source comes from diligence and persistence as much as brilliance.

December

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