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# Tutorials and Help Materials

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## Help with GNU/Linux

- [Getting Started](#) - Check this page first!
- [Help on this website](#)
- [Help on other websites](#)
- [What is Linux?](#)
- [Win2Lin](#) - Windows to Linux transitioning

## Choosing a new computer

Obviously, this is a constantly evolving topic, and one that is critically related to personal and institutional needs. Given this site, the OS will be **Linux!**

## 2019: Specs for a new desktop/tower computer

As a concrete example for discussion, see

2019-6-4: My (John Nash) current primary “working” machine, called J6, is a Sept 2011 tower, which has served me well and is still a useful and well-balanced computer for my needs. These are:

- a lot of management of files, since I have a goodly collection of computer archives, having been involved with building and using computers since 1961, and I have managed to preserve many of the files, as well as materials from my academic career, my creative writing, folk dance, and personal and family history material.
- some computation (i.e., scientific computing), as well as specialized text processing, which can be intensive but is NOT gaming; I also do some scripting as well as programming for math/stat.
- much communication activity (web, email, video chat, ftp/ssh)
- some investigation of other distros (even -horrors- non-Linux) using VMs under VirtualBox
- some photo, audio and video editing, but mainly of the snip-and-glue variety

I like a fairly big screen. At one time J6 had two monitors, a 24” HDMI and a 20” VGA, but I've found just the 24” is fine. Smaller screens (as on my laptops) are not as helpful for writing and programming. I use headphones for audio - no fancy speakers.

J6 has the following very edited setup:

- Motherboard GA-890GPA-UD3H
- AMD Phenom™ II X6 1090T Processor
- 16GiB System Memory (4\*4Gib DIMM 1600 MHz (0.6 ns))
- display RS880 [Radeon HD 4290]
- multimedia RS880 HDMI Audio [Radeon HD 4200 Series]
- RTL8111/8168/8411 PCI Express Gigabit Ethernet Controller
- 2 \* 1TB WDC WD1002FAEX-0 in RAID (mirrored) - used as data storage
- 500GB ST3500630AS used for OS and home directory
- 250GB ST3250820A used for holding VM images and similar material
- BD-RE WH16NS40 optical drive (CD, DVD, BlueRay)

## Slides from meeting presentations

- [2019](#)
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## Wiki help

- [Howto create a new wiki page](#)
- [Howto set access control](#)

## Reviews etc

- [Book Reviews](#)

## Connectivity Note

Carleton University VPN notes

- [Carleton U. VPN Notes](#)

uOttawa connectivity with Linux

- 2018 uOttawa changed from local WPA setup to **eduroam** (??link). Some notes on this would be

helpful

- 2017 notes on uOttawa vpn??

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