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From the Linux FAQ

Question 8.8. How should I pronounce Linux ?

This is a matter of religious debate, of course ! If you want to hear Linus himself say how he pronounces it download `english.au` or `swedish.au` from `ftp.funet.fi` (in `/pub/OS/Linux/PEOPLE/Linus/SillySounds`). If you have a soundcard or the PC-speaker audio driver you can hear them by typing

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cat english.au >/dev/audio
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The difference isn't in the pronunciation of Linux but in the language Linus uses to say hello. The English version was parodied very well by Jin Choi as "Hi, my name is Leenoos Torvahlds and I pronounce Leenooks as Leenooks."

For the benefit of those of you who don't have the equipment or inclination: Linus pronounces Linux approximately as Leenus, where the ee is as in feet but rather shorter and the u is like a much shorter version of the French eu sound in `peur` (pronouncing it as the u in `put` is probably passable).

When speaking English I pronounce it Lie-nucks (u as in bucket) — this is an anglicised pronunciation based on the analogy with Linus' name, which in English is usually pronounced Lie-nus (u as in put). It is of course quite acceptable and common to modify the pronunciation of a proper noun when it changes

languages.

I think I can safely say that the pronunciation Linnucks (short i as in pit, short u as in bucket) is wrong in English, as it is not the original Swedish pronunciation, not a sensible direct anglicisation of it, and not based on the anglicised version of Linus' name.

March 19, 1996 SIG Meeting: Installing Postgres Under Linux

Presented by Kelly Kitson and Doug Jackson. This was another last-minute presentation, and showed us Postgres, an Ingres-based relational database system for UNIX with object oriented capabilities. Kelly and Doug went through an installation from scratch on a Linux system, showing how it's done, and how to test out the database.

Postgres was a student's research project, and is not a full commercial product with nice front-end tools. It also uses anon-standard, but SQL-like query language. But it is a full relational database, it's free, and some interesting tools are being developed for it.

April 16, 1996 SIG Meeting: Installing and Running Java

Sun's Java language has become a hot topic these days. (Our February general meeting featured a look at Java

This Month's Meeting

Meeting Location:

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in a completely different location this month, at ISM, 400 Ellice Ave. Please try to be in the lobby, and signed in by about 7:15 PM. At 7:30 PM sharp, we are to be escorted up to the meeting room on the second floor. Don't be late, or you won't get in!

Meeting Agenda: See elsewhere in this issue for details.

Group Information

The Manitoba UNIX User Group meets on the second Tuesday of every month, except July and August. Membership dues are \$25 annually and are due as indicated by the renewal date on your newsletter's mailing label. Membership dues are accepted at any meeting, or by mail.

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and HotJava.) With this meeting, we'll be looking at specific issues involved in getting Java installed and running under Linux. This includes information you won't find at either sunsite or javasoft.

Also, let us know at the meeting if you'd be interested in getting a copy of the current edition of the LUG/nuts CD-ROM, which includes both the Slackware 3.0 (December download) and Red Hat 2.1 Linux binary distributions. If there is sufficient demand, we'll place an order again. Cost per CD will be about \$12.

**April 9, 1996 General Meeting:
Round-Table Discussion**

Due to circumstances beyond MUUG's control, we are unable to meet at the usual location this month, so the topic originally scheduled for this month (by Oracle!) has been moved to May. For this month, we will be having a round-table discussion, on various topics of interest to UNIX users.

Location Change: For this month only, the general meeting will be held at ISM, at 400 Ellice Ave. Please try to be in the lobby, and signed in by about 7:15 PM. At 7:30 PM sharp, we are escorted up to the meeting room on the second floor. Don't be late, or you won't get in. (Our thanks to Doug Jackson and Wolfgang von Thuelen, of ISM, for hosting this meeting.)

Agenda

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**Tuesday, April 9, 1996, 7:30 PM
ISM, 400 Ellice Avenue**

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| 1. | President's Welcome | 7:30 |
| 2. | Business Meeting | 7:35 |
| 3. | Short Topic | 7:40 |
| 4. | Coffee Break, Informal Discussion | 7:50 |
| 5. | Feature Topic | 8:00 |

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