



Byron Clark and I would like to “nominate” each other for Vice-President and President. In this document we would like to present some of the specific ideas we had for the club next year. Note that many of these ideas are similar to or even the same ideas posted on the mailing list. We hope that this document will be more of a compilation of what we want to do as a club.

We propose to further the purposes of the BYU Unix Users Group in the following ways:

Educate the Public

- Organize presentations for CS, Engineering, and ISys majors (focus on classes where students must learn *nix). These presentations could focus on the importance of Unix in these fields or how to get started using Unix in your field.
- Holding club displays/booths in places such as the Wilkinson Center and such. This will serve a few functions. It will get Unix out into the open, and hopefully get some recognition for alternative operating systems on campus. It will also give CS/EE/CE students an opportunity to see that people use Unix everyday for all their computing/entertainment/office needs.

Encourage New Users

- We feel that the best way to encourage new users is to provide an easy way for them to start. Linux is one way to provide that opportunity. To ease installation and configuration instructions for new users, we propose using a standard distribution (to be decided by mailing-list flame-war) for the very beginners. With that distribution we will provide tutorials on things such as: Installation, Basic Network Setup, Printer Setup, Office Application Setup and Use, and Multimedia Setup. This does not mandate using that distribution forever but will give people a good place to start with easy help. When they feel confident with Linux they can move on to another distribution if they desire. We understand that everyone has their own favorite distribution, but as everyone knows, the best starter's distribution is the one your friend who's helping you out is running. We hope that the UUG can be that “friend” with these tutorials based on a single distribution.
- With these tutorials we would also like to have monthly install-fests, possibly at the beginning of UUG meetings, but not necessarily.
- We would also like to provide a Helpful Applications CD, possibly including the newest JDK, OpenOffice.org, and other applications that

are needed on a Linux box, but are not included in distributions.

Expand the Knowledge and Ability of Current Users

- Monthly Meetings – Meetings should be held on a regular basis (once a month), and the format could contain the following elements:
 - Beginner Hints
 - Advanced Topic/Tutorial
 - Re-Implementation of the book review program
- Website – While the UUG mailing list is quite active and informative, the website is as good as dead. We propose posting new Unix Tutorials, and a complete revamping of the UUG website. With the new webmaster, and of course the consensus of the UUG, we propose setting up a slash-type website. This will accomplish a number of things. A new site will portray the fact that the UUG is starting afresh, advocating the use of Unix. The Tutorial section will allow new users the opportunity to find answers to their questions. One possibility for this is setting up a slash-type site that will unify our Unix community (although the mailing list serves that purpose now very well).

The UUG can and should be a wonderful resource and advocate for Linux and Unix. With help from all the members and good organization by the President and Vice-President (whoever that may be) we will be able to further the cause of Unix to all those who want to take advantage of it.

These are a few of the ideas that we have for the UUG. We would love to accept all suggestions, and provide a haven for such suggestions to be implemented.

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