Press Note

GNU/Linux has long been branded as an operating system used by geeks. The freedom the free software comes with is also arguably more apparent to geeky users than the normal computer users.

But on Sunday, 21st September, 2008, geeks, non-geeks, users and fans of GNU/Linux are getting together at the auditorium of Physics Department, Mysore University to share with you information on this wonderful world of Free Software (Free as in Freedom) and GNU/Linux. They will explain you what the freedom in software is about and will introduce you to GNU/Linux.

We invite computer users to take part in the festivities celebrating GNU/Linux and free software (free as in freedom) where volunteers would not only show you the applications you could use to do your day to day computing on GNU/Linux, but also help you install GNU/Linux on your laptop if you bring one. Free software is not essentially free as in "Free Beer", but gives you the freedom to change the software that you received or paid for.

If you are frustrated with Viruses on your computer running a proprietary software, here's your chance to break free from it.

`GNU/Linux Habba` was started in Bangalore with its first edition in April this year by volunteers of Sampada Community (http://sampada.net) to not only spread the word about free software, but also to introduce GNU/Linux to the non-technical computer users. The first edition organized at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore received tremendous response with more than 377 registrations running up to the event. Many participants installed GNU/Linux on their Desktops/Laptops and learnt how to use Kannada on it. From NGOs to Public sector officials keen to learn more about GNU/Linux - many people participated in the event. Following the success of the first edition, the group of volunteers behind the event decided to extend the festival to other cities in Karnataka, starting with Mysore. The second edition of GNU/Linux Habba (http://habba.in) will be on `21st September, 2008` at `Physics Department, University of Mysore`.

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