Getting Started with Your Free Geek Computer Classes

These classes help those new to Linux (or computers) setup and use their new computers. While oriented toward volunteers in the adoption program, hardware grant recipients and thrift store shoppers are also invited to sign up.

Beginner
Thursdays 10:30-1:30
Saturdays 2:30-5:30

If you do not feel comfortable with computers or have rarely used one before, this is the class for you.

Intermediate
Saturdays 11:00-2:00

If you have used a computer before, perhaps at the Library or the Free Geek computer lab, but are still a little unsure about how to save files and find them, then this class is for you. Covers the same material as above, and may also include some extra content.

Advanced
Wednesdays 11:00-1:00

If you are very comfortable with computers, this is the class for you. Covers the same material as above, and often includes some extra content.

Command Line Classes

Learn the basics of the Linux command line (the text-based Linux interface) in this class. Required for those Free Geek volunteers who want to move on to post-build positions. It is recommended that you have a good basic understanding of computers before taking these classes.

Basic Command Line for Builders
Saturdays 10:30-12:00

This class covers very basic information and tools in regards to the command line in Linux. Students will learn the parts of a command, listing, linking, tab completion, file system structure and more. If you have never used the command line before, or need a refresher, this is the class for you.

Because of a lack of volunteer teachers, we do not currently offer advanced command line classes or the basic command line class on weekdays.

If you are available to teach once every two weeks or weekly, please get in touch with Darren, the Free Geek Hardware Grants & Education Coordinator at dheiber@freegeek.org or 503-232-9350 x111

Assorted Classes

Ubuntu Linux Basics
Friday 12/2, 12/16 10:30-12:30

Learn the basics of Ubuntu Linux in this class that changes based on the needs and questions of the class. Students need only take this class once.

GIMP Fundamentals
Wednesday 12/7 3:30-5:30

Learn the basics of GIMP, the GNU Image Manipulation Program. If you have never used GIMP or Photoshop before to modify and create images, this is the class for you.

GIMP Intermediate
Wednesday 12/21 3:30-5:30

Learn more advanced functions of GIMP like paths and layer masks. Perfect followup to the fundamentals class or for those already moderately familiar with Photoshop.

Using Windows Programs in Ubuntu
Thursday 12/15 3:00-5:00

New to Ubuntu Linux and have a Windows program you just can't live without? Learn how to search for Linux equivalents or use programs like Wine to make your Windows programs compatible with your computer.

Many of the classes we offer are oriented to our amazing volunteers who receive a free computer after donating 24 hours of their time. These **Getting Started classes** are perfect for computer users of all levels who have never used Ubuntu Linux before. Volunteers who take these classes receive one year of free tech support from Free Geek!*

We also offer **Command Line classes** for both volunteers and the general public. These are an excellent way to learn the basics of the Linux command line. Build volunteers who would like to move onto post-build positions, like Advanced Testing, Mac and laptop repair, are required to take our **Basic Command Line for Beginners class**.

Free Geek provides monthly or bi-weekly classes on specific topics. Current offerings include **GIMP classes** for those who want to work on image manipulation, **Using Windows Programs in Ubuntu** for those who want to extend the versatility of their machines and **general Ubuntu Linux classes**.

*Free tech support void if you make major modifications to your computer.

Almost all of our classes are taught by an awesome collection of fantastic volunteer teachers.

Don't forget to thank your teacher!

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer teacher at Free Geek?

Do you have an idea for a great new class?

Get in touch with us **right now**! (or wait a few days, that's cool too)

Questions?

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Free Geek's mission is to recycle technology and provide access to computers, the Internet, education and job skills in exchange for community service. To help fulfill this mission, we currently offer **free classes** on computer-related topics to our volunteers and the general public in our facilities at 1731 SE 10th Avenue in Portland, OR.

Pre-registration is required for classes. You can do so at the volunteer desk or by calling us at 503-232-9350 x101.

If you have online access, you can always see our current class offerings at http://www.freegeek.org/about/classes/