

Command Line 1

Saturdays 10:30-12:00

Tuesday 5/8, 5/22 3:00-4:30

Students will learn the parts of a command, listing, linking, tab completion, file system structure and more. Required for those Free Geek volunteers who want to move on to post-build positions. You should be comfortable with computers to take this class. *Previously known as Basic Command Line.*

Command Line 2

Tuesday 5/29 3:30-5:30

Learn key commands and concepts including users, groups, permissions, processes and scripting. Basic Command Line class or similar knowledge is a prerequisite. *Previously known as Advanced Command Line.*

Linux Open Questions

Wednesday 5/2, 5/16, 5/30 1:30-3:00

Learn the basics of Ubuntu Linux in this class that changes based on the needs and questions of the students. You may take this class as often as you would like. No sign-up necessary, but recommended.

What is open-source software? Programs that everyone is free to modify and distribute.

What is Linux? An open-source computer operating system similar to Windows or OS X, but totally free.

Ubuntu versus Linux? There are hundreds of versions of Linux for many different needs/uses - Ubuntu is one of those versions and very popular with those using Linux for the first time. Free Geek currently uses Ubuntu as it is very user friendly, well-supported and works quickly on older computers.

GIMP Fundamentals

Wednesday 5/16 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 5/30 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.

Establishing Yourself Online

Thursday 5/10 3:00-5:30

Do have a small business or hobby that you would like to bring online? Learn the basics of how to create functioning websites using simple tools and other considerations of online publishing. You must have an email address which you can access during the class to attend.

Bring Traffic to Your Website

Wednesday 5/23 4:00-5:30

Have you started publishing online, but don't have many people coming to your website? Learn tools and techniques to advertise your website to the rest of the world. Topics include search engine optimization (SEO), using social media, advertising in the "real world" and more.

Using Windows Programs in Ubuntu

Tuesday 5/15 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.

Introduction to Internet Use & Security

Thursday 5/17 3:30-5:30

Learn how to use the Internet safely. This class covers how to generate and use secure but easy-to-remember passwords. Students will also learn how to know if they can trust a website as well as tips and techniques to use websites like Craigslist and shopping sites.

Introduction to Networking

Friday 5/11 3:30-5:30

Curious about how the Internet works? Heard about networking (or Cisco certification) and would like to know more? Come learn the basics of networking in a hands-on class that provides your first introduction into how computers talk to one another. If this class interests you, also consider joining us for our Networking Study Group starting 5/25.



New Classes

Using Ubuntu Linux

Saturday 5/12, 5/26 10:30-12:00

Ubuntu Linux 10.04 Lucid Lynx? Feel free to bring in your own laptop or use one of ours as we teach you the basic Ubuntu desktop environment including things like how to add programs, change the visual design and make your office documents compatible with the Microsoft Office suite. Volunteers taking systems home should sign up for our Getting Started with Your New Free Geek Computer classes.

Introductory session: Networking Study Group

Friday 5/18 4:30-5:30

No sign-up required. Come learn about and discuss the networking study group that will occur over a ten week period starting May 25th. Participants in the study group will be able to come in on an informal basis to examine together various networking lessons and questions.

Networking Study Group

Fridays 5/25-7/27 3:30-5:30

Study group devoted to networking lessons and questions. Come prepared to discuss all aspects of network setup and administration. Sign-ups are required and can be accomplished by sending an email to education@freegeek.org

We're looking for new classes and teachers!
Get in touch to learn more:

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Getting Started with Your New Free Geek Computer Classes

These classes help volunteers setup and use their new Ubuntu-based computers. Volunteers who take these classes receive one year of free tech support from Free Geek!* Along with volunteers in the adoption program, hardware grant recipients, thrift store shoppers and community members are also welcome to sign up. Content is almost identical in all classes – *only sign up for the one class that best fits you.*

Beginner

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30-1:30

Saturdays 3:00-5:30

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

Intermediate

Saturdays 12:30-2:30

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.

*Free tech support void if you make major modifications to your computer or change the operating system.

If you are not a volunteer taking home a computer during the class, please consider taking our Using Ubuntu Linux classes offered on alternating Saturdays from 10:30-12:00.

May 2012 Free Geek Classes

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

Pre-registration is required for classes, unless otherwise indicated. You can sign-up at the volunteer desk or by calling us at 503-232-9350 x101.

Find our current class offerings at
<http://www.freegeek.org/about/classes/>

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer teacher at Free Geek? Do you have an idea for a class you think we should offer? Contact our Education Coordinator to get involved.

Questions?

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