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is the Executive Director of Linux International (www.li.org), a non-profit association of computer vendors who wish to support and promote the Linux Operating System. During his career which spans over thirty years, Mr. Hall has been a programmer, systems designer, systems administrator, product manager, technical marketing manager and educator. He has worked for such companies as Western Electric Corporation, Aetna Life and Casualty, Bell Laboratories, Digital Equipment Corporation, VA Linux Systems, and is currently funded by SGI.

He has taught at Hartford State Technical College, Merrimack College and Daniel Webster College. He still likes talking to students over pizza and beer (the pizza can be optional).

Mr. Hall is the author of numerous magazine and newspaper articles, many presentations and one book, "Linux for Dummies".

Mr. Hall serves on the boards of several companies, and several non-profit organizations, including the USENIX Association.

Mr. Hall has traveled the world speaking on the benefits of Open Source Software, and received his BS in Commerce and Engineering from Drexel University, and his MSCS from RPI in Troy, New York.

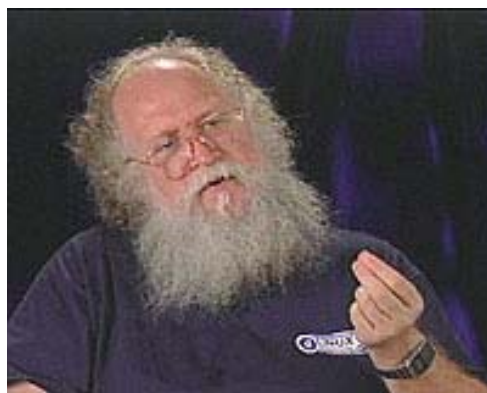
In his spare time maddog is working on his retirement project: maddog's monastery for microcomputing and microbrewing.

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6:00 p.m., Room 124 HRBB

Free and Open Source in Education: Why FOSS software teaches students twice



ABSTRACT: Universities today often use closed source, proprietary software to teach students computer science and other curriculums. This talk will show not only how to teach students how to use software, but how to specify and direct software for their own purposes. An additional topic will be the efforts in the FOSS community to create university administrative software which would save universities millions of dollars over the next few years, money that could be used for new facilities or faculty pay.

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...discussions to be continued after the talk with an informal get-together at the Fox & Hound...