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NO STARCH PRESS RELEASES UBUNTU FOR NON-GEEKS, 2nd Edition

*"A fast, crystal-clear topical tour of the amazing
collective accomplishment embodied in Ubuntu."*
--Cory Doctorow, Boing Boing, on the first edition

June 6, 2007,San Francisco--Ubuntu has been hailed as the Linux distribution for newbies, and it's certainly the Linux for the less geeky among us. Even the name "Ubuntu" is user friendly (a South African term that translates roughly as "humanity toward others"). And that's a phrase that could well describe author Rickford Grant's approach to teaching Linux. Completely human.

Full of tips, tricks, and real-world projects, ***Ubuntu for Non-Geeks, 2nd Edition*** (No Starch Press, June 2007, http://www.nostarch.com/ubuntu_2e.htm) is a hands-on, project-based, take-it-slow guidebook for those interested in---but nervous about---switching to Linux.

This edition has been thoroughly updated for Feisty Fawn (v7.04), which spotlights multimedia support and desktop effects. Step-by-step projects throughout the book help readers absorb and apply what they've learned, as they learn, while they touch and play with their new operating system. "Rickford Grant's ***Ubuntu for Non-Geeks***, is a perfect introdution to Linux for the new or somewhat experienced Linux user" said No Starch Press Founder, Bill Pollock. "Rickford always treats his reader with respect and never patronizes. He knows just what topics to cover and how to explain those topics in ways that makes sense to even the least geekiest; like, err, my mother."

Readers learn how to:
* Download and install free software, games, and tools
* Connect to the Internet and wireless networks
* Configure hardware, including printers, scanners, and removable devices
* Watch DVDs, listen to music, and even sync up an iPod
* Download photos and videos from a digital camera, then edit and share them
* Keep everything up to date

Ubuntu for Non-Geeks includes a CD of Ubuntu 7.04 (Feisty Fawn) that lets readers run Ubuntu without making any permanent changes to their computer. Then, when the time is right, they can install Ubuntu from that same CD. Whether readers have just purchased a new Ubuntu-based Dell computer and need a patient guide, or they're just looking for a pain-free way to finally make the switch to Linux, they'll find the help and direction that they need in Rickford Grant's ***Ubuntu for Non-Geeks.***

ABOUT THE AUTHOR Rickford Grant, author of *Linux for Non-Geeks* and *Linux Made Easy* (both No Starch Press), has been a computer operating system maniac for more than 20 years. From the Atari 600XL to today's Linux machines, he has been the guy behind the help desk for family, friends, and colleagues. Rickford currently resides in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he spends his working hours as a teacher and his free time cycling, writing, and annoying his neighbors with his Nyckelharpa (Swedish keyed fiddle).

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