For years, the main complaint about Unix/Linux on the desktop has been the supposed lack of applications. This isn’t true any more. For example, this write-up and the presentation were developed and will be given entirely using Unix/Linux and Unix/Linux based tools.

In the presentation we will briefly go over the history of Unix and GNU/Linux (as it is properly called) and the Open Source Software (OSS) movement, look at the pros and cons of various major GNU/Linux distributions, and the many and varied OSS licenses and what they mean. As time permits, we will demonstrate some of the important desktop applications that make Linux a compelling option today not just on the desktop, but also as the home entertainment center, and for use in SOHO businesses for server based applications, such as email.

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