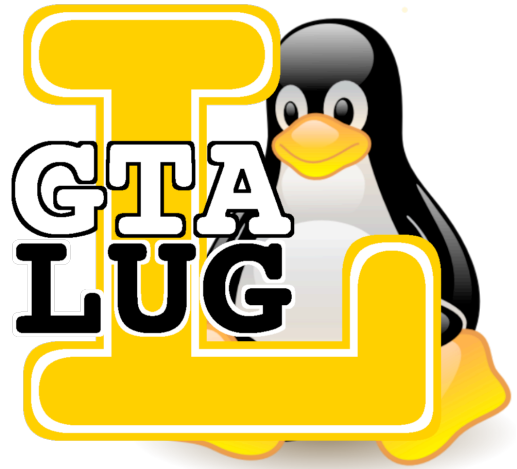


## Greater Toronto Area Linux Users Group

**The Greater Toronto Area Linux Users Group (GTALUG)** provides a common forum to exchange information pertaining to Linux, and in some cases other open source software and operating platforms. Members meet regularly at our “F2F” (in person) meeting locations, participate in our email discussion list, and use the resource facilities of this website.



### Greater Toronto Area Linux Users Group Objectives

The Greater Toronto Area Linux User Group is committed to the free exchange of Linux-related information. Our goals as a user group include the creation of mechanisms that allow people with a common interest in linux to socialize.

- To promote interest in and use of the Linux operating system, the Free Software Foundation, and the GNU Public License.
- To foster Linux education and training.
- To organize and sponsor special events
- To encourage public acceptance of Linux and Open Source solutions. This may involve demonstrating Linux equivalents to proprietary software.
- To provide various means for the free exchange of information, news, and ideas about Linux and the Open Source advantage.
- To employ Linux and Free Software solutions in addressing social and technological problems in the Greater Toronto Area.

### Greater Toronto Area Linux Users Group activities and accomplishments

Through participation in the GTALUG forums, and the use of the GTALUG resources, we combine our efforts to both teach and learn information, allowing us to better manage the open source world we are using, building, and in some cases promoting to others.

We encourage informal get-togethers, usually after our meetings, to provide a free-form forum, where members and non-members have a chance to talk with each other on a one-on-one or small group basis. These get-togethers provide the chance to directly exchange ideas with other users, to discuss and solve problems, or to reach out to the community at large.

The resources provided by the access to numbers of other Linux users are the most valuable part of participation in a user group. The long term members of the group, many of which have 30 or more years experience using Linux and other Unix-like operating systems (BSD, Solaris etc.), can provide insight and ideas that only a seasoned professional would have.

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