

## **LINUX PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE OFFERS CERTIFICATION TESTING AT CEBIT ~ LPI speaks at Open Source Exchange Conference ~**

See LPI at: Hall 03, Stand C57, Booth B03

HANOVER, GERMANY, February 21, 2003 - The Linux Professional Institute (LPI), [www.lpi.org](http://www.lpi.org)), the premier international professional certification program for the Linux community, is offering LPI certification exams 101 and 201 at CeBit's Open Source Exchange in Hanover, Germany.

Offered in the Convention Center, CeBit Fair Grounds at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, March 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, candidates must pre-register by clicking <http://www.lpi.org/c-registration.html> to receive a LPI registration number before testing on-site. An administration fee of 20Euros will be charged.

"Because CeBit is one of the premier conferences on the international stage, this is a tremendous opportunity to build a pool of LPI certified professionals in Germany as well as raise our profile," says LPI's president Evan Leibovitch. "CeBit usually attracts hundreds of potential certifiable candidates, so we recognize this is an excellent way to get the word out that a healthy certified body of Linux professionals clearly supports integration of the platform within the enterprise."

In addition to its testing offering, LPI's executive administrator Wilma Silberman and Torsen Scheck, software engineer, S.O.T. GmbH will present "Linux Certification Done Right" at the Open Source Exchange Conference, Monday, March 17 at 12:30 pm.

"There are many models for certification. Some are profit-making, some are non-profit. Some compete for training dollars and some do not," adds Silberman. "Certification of systems administrators as qualified Linux professionals is so important that LPI was formed as a non-profit organization to bring a standard, vendor-neutral testing of skills to the world."

LPI's mandate is to design and deliver a certification program from within the Linux community, using both volunteer and professional resources. It has been ranked number one on the list of certifications expected to rise the 'fastest in importance' according to the 2002 CRN Certification study. LPI has also been selected as the winner, for the second consecutive year, of the Linux Journal's annual Editors' Choice Awards in the Training and Certification category. LPI has delivered over 20,000 Level One and Level Two certification exams globally since the program's inception in just two years.

### **About Linux Professional Institute**

The Linux Professional Institute (LPI) develops professional certification for the Linux operating system independent of software vendors or training providers. Established as an international non-profit organization in 1999 by the Linux community, LPI develops accessible, internationally-recognized certification programs which have earned the respect of vendors, employers and administrators. LPI's activities involve hundreds of volunteers and professionals throughout the world in many different capacities, and the group encourages active public involvement through mailing lists and its website at [www.lpi.org](http://www.lpi.org). LPI's multi-level program of exams is administered globally through Pearson VUE and Prometric testing centers. LPI's major financial sponsors are Platinum Sponsors Caldera International (NASDAQ:CALD), IBM (NYSE:IBM), Linuxcare, Maxspeed, SGI (NYSE:SGI), SuSE Linux AG and TurboLinux as well as Gold Sponsors Hewlett-Packard (NYSE:HWP) and Wave Technologies.

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