

LINUX PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE PRESIDENT EVAN LEIBOVITCH TO SPEAK AT REAL WORLD LINUX CONFERENCE & EXPO

~ LPI To Offer Certification Exams 101 and 201 ~

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TORONTO, April 14, 2003 – The Linux Professional Institute (LPI), (www.lpi.org), the premier professional certification program for the Linux community, is slated to be a featured speaker at the Real World Linux Conference & Expo, April 28-30, 2003 in Toronto.

Speaking on *Concepts and Models for Open Source Licensing: Making the Right Choice for Business*, LPI president Evan Leibovitch will address, “How does a business that would like to use or build community-based software make the right selection”?

“Between public domain and fully proprietary software, there are varying choices that have been mapped out by companies and organizations. However, not all of these are in reality open source,” says Leibovitch. “This is an excellent opportunity for businesses to reduce its research time and access critical, timely information.”

Scheduled for Tuesday, April 29 at 11:15 am, Leibovitch will present an overview of the benefits and pitfalls of each model; their suitability to specific projects and the criteria used to determine which are truly open source.

LPI is also offering certification exams 101 and 201 at the conference. Offered in room 809 at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm, April 29th and 30th, 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 \$20 will be charged.

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 27,000 Level One and Level Two certification exams globally since the program's inception in just two years.

Real World Linux Conference & Expo is Canada's only national, comprehensive event focusing on Linux and open source operating systems, a lower cost alternative to today's proprietary platforms. Real World Linux is Canada's largest such exhibition and conference, expected to attract more than 2,000 visitors who will meet in excess of 70 exhibiting companies on the trade show floor and attend 40 industry related seminars, tutorials and keynote addresses.

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. 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,

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