

LINUX PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTE RELEASES UPDATED LEVEL ONE EXAMINATIONS

~ Exams Now Test For RPM or Debian Package Management Systems ~

TORONTO, March 31, 2003 - The Linux Professional Institute (LPI), (www.lpi.org), the premier professional certification program for the Linux community, has released the latest English-language version of its Level One examinations.

Available immediately through all Pearson VUE and Prometric testing centers worldwide, the refreshed exams continue to test Linux knowledge and skills of IT professionals with a choice of either the "RPM" or "Debian" package management systems.

"As Linux grows in importance worldwide, we must continue to build a stronger and knowledgeable IT community," says LPI's president Evan Leibovitch. "LPI continues to demonstrate the growth of Linux in the commercial market with a new feature in the 101 exam, a choice between being tested on either the RPM or Debian package management system.

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.

"We have to provide IT professionals with a solid challenge to ensure their knowledge base mirror today's reality," adds Leibovitch. "Because most professionals aren't expected to know both management systems, our new exam closely copies their training programs and work experiences."

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, Maxspeed, SGI (NYSE:SGI), SuSE Linux AG and TurboLinux as well as Gold Sponsors Hewlett-Packard (NYSE:HWP) and Wave Technologies.

Contact:

Sheldon Rose
Sacke & Associates Inc.
416-218-1102
sheldonr@sackepr.com