

Help yourself

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Sooner or later we all decide to try and use our computers to do something new, something we've never done before, something exciting! Then we realise it's not as straightforward as we'd hoped. Luckily with a bit of perseverance you'll figure it out and once you have the feeling of satisfaction is great. Where to start though? This may seem obvious, but on countless occasions many people I know have given up at the first hurdle only to ask me to do it for them. This article is aimed at these people: to help them take their first steps in helping themselves.

If you already know the application you're expecting to use then there are some very easy initial steps that you can take. For example, almost every single GUI (graphical user interface) application has a Help menu located at the top of the screen. These do vary widely in usefulness but it is none the less a good place to start; even the major desktop environments have help programs: Gnome's can be found under the system menu and KDE's can be found under the K menu.

Not a bad start, but what if you don't know the application that you need to use?

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