

A review of "Moving To Linux"

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Cheerful. If there was one word that I would choose to describe Marcel Gagne's new book, it would be cheerful. The front cover is a cheerful yellow, and Marcel's cute toddler son and beautiful wife beam at you from Konqueror thumbnails on the front. The back cover depicts Marcel in a funny tall white French chef's stove pipe hat, mugging for the camera with a bottle of wine and an overly zealous expression on his face. Even the title of the book is guaranteed to make you snicker, *Moving to Linux (second edition): Kiss the Blue Screen of Death Goodbye!*

But proceed with caution! Marcel Gagne is no Mary Poppins! Like a skilled Judo instructor, Marcel is just using humor to get you comfortable for that first Judo fall, because he has high expectations of his intended newbie audience. While some authors of Linux how-to books reserve the command line for very late in the book in an appendix, or leave it out altogether, Marcel has you setting up swap files and your network by and configuring your boot preferences by page 27. Like the student of an adept martial arts master, there you are on page 27, lying flat on your back staring at the boot config commands hovering in front of your face, and it didn't hurt at all! Gee, maybe even a newbie like me can do this!

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