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From Windows to Linux Part One: The Newbie

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For almost three years, I?ve been using a HP netbook for all my computing needs. That includes surfing the net, writing emails, watching movies, blogging at GeekMom and my personal blog, and beginning my first novel. The workload was causing the little thing to die a slow and most unnatural death. There were huge lag times waiting for sites to upload or for Works to save. I use a HP Mini 110-1030NR running Windows, but I had begun to steal one of my husband?s laptops because I was so frustrated.

One of the biggest problems I seemed to have was memory allocation. The netbook has a limited memory of 1 gig, which caused many of the problems. Once the netbook had performed a couple of tasks, it bogged down and became virtually unusable.

My husband has been a Linux junkie for quite some time. Because he enjoys troubleshooting, he likes that Linux is continually updating, and that he can contribute. With the arrival of Ubuntu 12.04 by Canonical, he has converted much of his everyday computing to the system. The only reason he has not converted fully, apart from gaming, is that his work still requires the use of Windows to support 2,000 plus machines. So when he offered to update my netbook with Linux, I said yes immediately? after being asked a few dozen times.

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