

Scratching that itch: Sander Jensen

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By day, 27-year-old Sander Jensen -- originally from Holland -- works for ESI Group in Alabama, a company that produces sophisticated software for the aircraft and automotive industries. In his personal time, he scratches his own itches by creating free software. I discovered Jensen's Goggles Music Manager recently and decided to try it out, and pick Jensen's brain to see what motivates him to write free software. Here's what I found.

I asked Jensen how he became interested in Linux and free software, and he says that he got into Linux thanks to an interest in learning about Unix-like systems:

I started using Linux about 5 years ago, mainly because I was interested in learning to use unix type operating systems (always had been a DOS / Windows user). Linux at the time seemed the most logical choice as I could use it at work and had help from a friend of mine for all the basic questions. Also certain companies who decided not to support their old hardware anymore for people upgrading from Windows 98 to Windows 2000 made me a big believer in free software. Of course the best thing about free software is that I can customize the software the way I want it to work.

While I was on Jensen's site reading about Goggles Music Manager, I came across another with that was also named Goggles. Confused, I asked Jensen what was up with the name. He replied:

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