

Open source firmly on education agenda

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In July, Canonical appointed Richard Weideman as its education programme manager. In short, he's the "first line contact on behalf of Canonical for all education issues", managing the company's growing list of education-related products and services as well as identifying new areas of growth.

Canonical has been pushing further and further into the education space, with Ubuntu variants such as Edubuntu and Kubuntu creating considerable buzz. Now, as a dedicated manager based in South Africa, Weideman wants to take the Ubuntu and open source message firmly into the learning arena.

"The wider community readily acknowledges that Ubuntu has succeeded in making it easy for the average non-technical end-user to install and use open source, and avoid vendor lock-in," he says. "We're targeting these same goals in the education space."

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