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### Review

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—John Stevenson, DZone book reviewer

“OUB is one of the best books I’ve seen for beginners.”

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“This book is the perfect companion for users new to Linux and Ubuntu. It covers the basics in a concise and well-organized manner. General use is covered separately from troubleshooting and error-handling, making the book well-suited both for the beginner as well as the user that needs extended help.”

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“I have recommended this book to several users who I instruct regularly on the use of Ubuntu. All of them have been satisfied with their purchase and have even been able to use it to help them in their journey along the way.”

—Chris Crisafulli, Ubuntu LoCo Council, Florida Local Community Team

“This text demystifies a very powerful Linux operating system. . . . In just a few weeks of having it, I’ve used it as a quick reference a half-dozen times, which saved me the time I would have spent scouring the Ubuntu forums online.”

—Darren Frey, Member, Houston Local User Group

“This is a book that the new Ubuntu user would find helpful in getting started and the more experienced computer user would find informative enough to keep as a reference manual. I also enjoyed the computing humor.”

—Dr. Gregory Chapelle, General Atomics, Electromagnetics Division, San Diego, California

“In short, this book is something that I can honestly recommend to anyone using Ubuntu. It works great as a reference and equally well as a how-to guide. I respect the work that’s been done, and I can’t overstate how knowledgeable the authors are, as well as the reviewers.”

—Paul Tagliamonte, Ubuntu Member, and Debian Developer

### About the Author

**Matthew Helmke** has been an Ubuntu user since April 2005 and an Ubuntu Member since August 2006. He served from 2006 to 2011 on the Ubuntu Forum Council, providing leadership and oversight of the Ubuntu Forums, and spent two years on the Ubuntu regional membership approval board for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. He has written articles about Ubuntu for magazines and Web sites, is the lead author of *Ubuntu Unleashed*, and has written several books and articles on other topics.

**Elizabeth K. Joseph** is a professional Linux Systems Administrator currently working at Hewlett-Packard, with a focus on managing the infrastructure for the OpenStack project. She has been working with Linux and

around Linux communities since 2002. Elizabeth began contributing to Ubuntu in 2006 and currently contributes to various teams, including Documentation, News, Quality Assurance, and Classroom. Over the years she has served on the Ubuntu Membership Board and is now serving her third term as a member of the Ubuntu Community Council. At home in San Francisco, she serves as one of the leaders of the Ubuntu California team and is on the board of a nonprofit that provides Ubuntu-based computers to schools in need.

**José Antonio Rey** is a community contributor who has been actively participating since 2011. He is a student residing in Peru, whose contributions include helping with the News and Classroom teams, managing Ubuntu On Air!, and being the contact of the Ubuntu Peru team and a member of the LoCo Council. Even though he is not a developer, he has helped with Juju charms and is the author for the Postfix and Mailman charms.

**Philip Ballew** is an active open source advocate in the greater open source community. He is heavily involved in the Ubuntu project, and spends most of his time contributing to this project. When Philip is not contributing to Open Source, he can be found riding his bike, dancing badly, or attempting to pass his college classes. Philip is eager to get involved in any project that he sees making a difference in the world for the good, and enjoys Ubuntu for this reason. He currently calls sunny San Diego, California, home, and hopes all readers of the book come by and say hello to him there.

**Benjamin Mako Hill** is a long-time free-software developer and advocate. He was part of the founding Ubuntu team whose charge at Canonical was to help grow the Ubuntu development and user community during the project's first year. Mako is an Assistant Professor at the University of Washington and a fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University. He holds a Ph.D. from MIT.

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