

## Published Articles, 2001-04

### [Debian Women: Geek Feminists in Action](#)

An article about a group dedicated to seeing more women involved in Debian GNU/Linux, and in explaining Debian to women.

### [An Apt-Get Primer](#)

An introduction to apt-get, the package management tool in the Debian GNU/Linux distribution.

### [Microsoft PowerPoint Vs. OpenOffice.org Impress](#)

A comparison of two slide show programs.

### [Trademarks: A threat to free software's freedom?](#)

A summary of how the limitations implicit in using a trademark may impinge on free software definitions of freedom.

### [OpenOffice.org is four years old today; community manager Louis Suarez-Potts talks about the changes](#)

An interview with OpenOffice.org's Community Management about where OpenOffice.org has been and where it's going.

### [Replacing FrameMaker with OOo Writer](#)

A comparison suggesting that OpenOffice.org's Writer is a possible replacement for the aging FrameMaker.

### [Review: Debian-Installer Release Candidate 1](#)

A first look at the new installation program for the Debian GNU/Linux Distribution.

### [How to choose a good instructional book about OpenOffice.org](#)

A comparison of several books about OpenOffice.org

### [11 Tips for Moving to OpenOffice.org](#)

The on-line text of the cover story for the March 2004 *Linux Journal*.

### [StarOffice 7: Innovation in Action](#)

A review of StarOffice 7, Sun Microsystem's leading competitor to MS Office.

### [Breaking the Word Processor Curve](#)

An article for the Linux Journal web site, this article makes the case that OpenOffice.org isn't just a

replacement for MS Word, but a superior piece of software.

### [Opening Up to OpenOffice.org](#)

Probably my most quoted article yet. It was one of the first to review OpenOffice.org in any depth. It also turned out to be the first of many articles on the general subject.

### [Hitchhiking Along the Open Road with Clipboard and Pen](#)

A technical writer's guide to the open source and free software movements.

### [Password's Progress](#)

A description of the password encryption system in Linux, this article appeared in the *Linux Journal*.

### [Review: HyperACCESS for OS/2](#)

One of my first technical publications, this review discusses a terminal program for OS/2.

### [Taking Your Show on the Road](#)

This piece came out of designing the portfolio that you are now reading. It also reflects my belief in the importance of structuring and planning, and my approach to projects.

### [TechWriters, Grammar, and the Prescriptive Attitude](#)

This article discusses the common obsessions about grammar. It explains their sources, why they handicap writers, and the change in attitude needed to overcome them.

### [Your Own Best Ad: Promoting Yourself As a Contractor](#)

Another how-to piece for writers, this article also explains my approach to working with clients and how I conduct business.