

Supporting Western Pennsylvania's Free Software Community

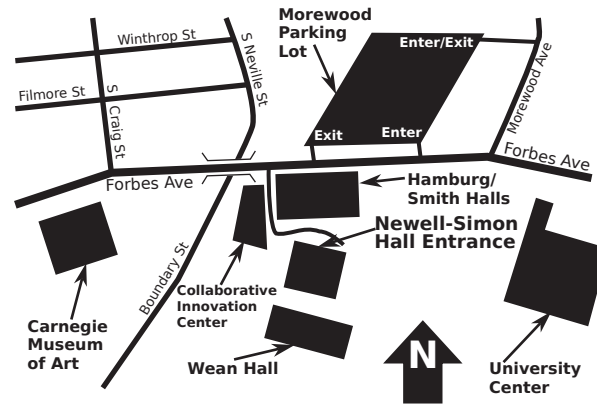
WPLUG provides a forum for users to provide support and education for one another and discuss issues relating to Linux and other Open Source software.

Nonmembers are welcome at meetings and on the online resources provided by WPLUG.

Recent WPLUG meetings have covered subjects such as:

- Automating system backups
- The GNOME desktop environment
- Encryption for e-mail and the web
- Virtualization with VMware
- Using Open Source SQL databases

WPLUG welcomes you whether you're new to Linux or a seasoned veteran. There are 3 main ways to get involved with WPLUG...



WPLUG generally meets in Newell-Simon Hall on the Carnegie Mellon University campus. The Morewood Lot offers convenient free parking.

Visit our web site for more information about specific events.

<http://www.wplug.org/>
E-mail: info@wplug.org



Who we are...

WPLUG consists of programmers, system administrators, ordinary home users, and others interested in Linux and other Open Source software.

Pittsburgh's other penguins...

Visit Us ...

WPLUG normally meets once or twice a month in Newell-Simon Hall on the Carnegie Mellon University campus (see the map on the back of this brochure).

We have two distinct types of events: presentations and installfests.

A presentation includes a speaker discussing a specific topic and is a fairly structured event. See our web page for a schedule of topics.

An installfest is a hands-on event targeted at allowing users to help one another and socialize. Users often bring their home computers to get assistance setting up software, or simply to show off something new. Installfests are normally held every few months.

In addition, we occasionally have special events, such as picnics and site tours. Check the website for more information.

You don't have to be a member of WPLUG to attend our meetings. Just check <http://www.wplug.org/meetings/> to see upcoming events. Or join the mailing list or IRC to find out more.

Chat ...

WPLUG maintains an Internet Relay Chat (IRC) room for tech support and general socialization.

Internet chat is a great way to get real-time assistance. It's also a great way to get to know the other members of the WPLUG community. At any time, day or night, you'll find students, professionals, hobbyists, and volunteers in the chat room discussing all aspects of Open Source software. Many WPLUG members who have left the Pittsburgh area stay in touch with friends through the chat room.

There are many IRC programs available. Some that you can download freely for Windows or Linux are Chatzilla, mIRC, and GAIM. Once your chat program has started, enter the following commands:

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/server irc.freenode.net  
/join #wplug
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and you'll be chatting with the WPLUG community.

E-mail ...

Another way to join the WPLUG community is by using our mailing lists. There are several WPLUG mailing lists.

The most popular is wplug@wplug.org, which is used for general discussion.

If you're only interested in hearing about WPLUG's events, announcements appear on wplug-announce@wplug.org which gets just a few messages per month.

The wplug-jobs@wplug.org list allows employers and employees in the Open Source market to find each other.

To join a mailing list, point your web browser at <http://www.wplug.org/lists/> and click on "Subscribe/Unsubscribe/Preferences" for the list you want. Then follow the instructions on the subsequent pages.

WPLUG mailing lists are low volume and junk mail free. Each message has the name of the list in the subject so you can tell where it came from, and instructions on how to unsubscribe at the end.

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