

# The Legacy of Linus Torvalds: Linux, Git, and One Giant Flamethrower

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Linus Torvalds created Linux, which now runs vast swathes of the internet, including Google and Facebook. And he invented Git, software that's now used by developers across the net to build new applications of all kinds. But that's not all Torvalds has given the internet.

He's also started some serious flame wars.

Over the past few years, Torvalds has emerged as one of the most articulate and engaging critics of the technology industry. His funny and plainspoken posts to Google+ routinely generate more comments and attention than most stories on The New York Times ? or even Wired.

Linus, you see, has the gift for the geek gab.

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