

# Linus Torvalds on Linux and the future of computing

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In the first part of our three-part interview, Linux pioneer Linus Torvalds talked about how he got into computing, Raspberry Pi and the "free software" movement. In the second part, Torvalds takes us from Linux in the real world to the future of computing.

## **Q. What practical difference would you say that Linux has made "in the real world"?**

The biggest impact of Linux has often been in areas that most users aren't necessarily even aware of. For example, in pure numbers, Android is likely the use of Linux that has the most people actually interacting with it directly every day (at some point Google was saying that they had half a million Android activations every day), yet almost nobody really thinks of it as being based on a Linux kernel. Sure, you can go into the settings menu and see the kernel version, but how many users really care?

And the thing is, users generally shouldn't care.

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